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## HERO'S WELCOME

Members of the Serbian army march under heavy rain during a military parade in Belgrade, Serbia, Thursday, Oct. 16, 2014. Waving Russian and Serbian flags and displaying banners "Thank You Russia," tens of thousands came to see the parade in Belgrade attended by Vladimir Putin, which marked the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the Serbian capital from the Nazi German occupation by the Red Army and Communist Yugoslav Partisans.

(AP Photo/Marko Drobnyakovic)

## Putin Cheered in Serbia en Route to Milan

DUSAN STOJANOVIC

Associated Press

**BELGRADE, Serbia (AP)** —

Greeted by enthusiastic chants of "Putin! Putin!," Russian President Vladimir Putin attended a military parade Thursday in Slavic Serbia, where he held talks on economic issues,

including on the South Stream gas pipeline opposed by the European Union. Waving Russian and Serbian flags and displaying banners "Thank You Russia," tens of thousands came to see the parade in Belgrade, which marked the 70th anniversary of the

liberation of the Serbian capital from the Nazi German occupation by the Red Army and Communist Yugoslav Partisans.

Putin's visit came as Serbia finds itself caught in the middle of Moscow's dispute with the West over Ukraine. The Balkan nation

is increasingly torn over whether to continue toward membership in the 28-nation EU or give up that goal and forge even closer ties with Russia.

Serbia is Russia's main ally in the Balkans. The two countries have traditionally close historic and cultural ties,

and Moscow has backed Belgrade's bid to maintain its claim over Kosovo — a former Serbian province which declared independence in 2008 with the support of Washington and its allies.

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## Bermuda prepares for powerful Gonzalo

JOSH BALL

DANICA COTO

Associated Press

HAMILTON, Bermuda (AP)

— Powerful Hurricane Gonzalo roared toward the tiny British territory of Bermuda as residents braced for damaging winds and life-threatening storm surge, while the prime minister urged people in low-lying areas to consider moving to higher ground.

The storm is expected to pass within 29 miles (46 kilometers) of the island Friday night as a Category 3 storm, close enough to be

(615 kilometers) south-southwest of Bermuda and was moving north at 9 mph (15 kph), according to the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami.

"This is a very serious event," Dave Fox, a public affairs officer for the Bermuda government, said in a phone interview.

The last major hurricane to strike Bermuda was Fabian in 2003, a Category 3 storm that killed four people. The last major hurricane to cross land in the Atlantic Basin was Hurricane Sandy in 2012, which hit Cuba as

steady stream of customers grabbing up essentials at the last minute.

"Some people seem to have left it until the end to get things," said Melissa Trott, an employee at Phoenix Store. "We sold out of batteries, and our warehouse has none left."

Gas stations also reported brisk business.

"I was here for Hurricane Fabian in 2003, so I'm not taking any chances this time," said Susan Black, a retiree who was filling up her car and several gas cans. "I've been busy since



This image provided by NOAA Thursday Oct. 16, 2014 shows Hurricane Gonzalo, lower right. The storm had top sustained winds near 125 mph (205 kph) and was centered about 555 miles (1,075 kilometers) south south-west of Bermuda Thursday, the U.S. National Hurricane Center said. It was moving north at 9 mph (20 kph).

(AP Photo/NOAA)

considered a direct hit, the Bermuda Weather Service said. Tropical storm conditions should begin by Friday morning, forecasters said.

"This hurricane is a large storm, and we should expect at least 24 hours of storm-force winds," Premier Michael Dunkley said.

The hurricane approached just days after Tropical Storm Fay damaged homes and knocked down trees and power lines in Bermuda, with 1,500 homes still without power late Thursday.

Gonzalo was still a Category 4 storm Thursday night with top sustained winds of 145 mph (230 kph). It was centered about 385 miles

a Category 3 storm.

Fox said the government opened a high school as a shelter but noted that Bermuda is known for structures that can withstand heavy storms.

"We build for hurricanes," he said. "It's part of the building code."

Bermuda, an island of roughly 70,000 people that lies 850 miles (1,400 kilometers) east of the U.S. state of South Carolina, has one of the highest per-capita incomes in the world.

The capital of Hamilton appeared almost deserted by noon as stores boarded up windows.

The businesses that remained open reported a

6:30 this morning getting things ready."

Many people moved boats to safer areas. While some were able to store them on dry land, others relied on storm moorings and hoped for the best.

Kimberley Zuill, Bermuda Weather Service director, said Gonzalo's path and duration would be similar to Fabian's, and that seas would reach 35 to 45 feet (11 to 14 meters) on Friday. Forecasters said destructive waves could cause significant flooding on the island, which is about one-third the size of Washington, D.C. Some 3 to 6 inches (8 to 15 centimeters) of rain was predicted. □

## Ebola Scare Prompting Big Responses Around Globe

The Associated Press

Ebola is transmitted through direct contact with bodily fluid, such as getting an infected person's blood or vomit into the eyes or through a cut in the skin, not through the air, experts say.

And people infected with Ebola aren't contagious until they start showing symptoms, such as fever, body aches or stomach pain, research shows. But fears over the virus spreading have prompted an out-sized response:

### 3 DIAGNOSED IN U.S.:

A Liberian man who traveled to Dallas has died from the virus in the U.S. and two Dallas nurses who had contact with him were recently diagnosed. One of the nurses, Amber Vinson, traveled on Frontier Airlines to and from Cleveland.

### SCHOOLS CLOSED:

A Cleveland-area school canceled classes in two buildings after learning a staff member might have flown on the Frontier Airlines plane, though not the same flight, as Vinson.

Three school campuses in Belton, Texas, were closed because two students traveled on the same flight as her.

The campuses and school buses were being disinfected. Austin Peay State University in Tennessee canceled a study abroad program to Senegal next year.

### FALSE ALARM:

A student from Ghana landed in Prague on Saturday on a flight from Lisbon and was told to see a doctor because he looked ill. He failed to do it and was detained at a train station hours later.

A video posted on the Internet showed him covered with a black plastic and escorted in a wheelchair by a person wearing protective gear. He was later tested negative and released. A Health Ministry spokesman defended officials' actions.

### MALARIA, NOT EBOLA:

Dessie Quinn, a 44-year-old telecommunications engineer, spent six months working on an Internet cabling project in Sierra Leone and then returned home to Donegal, northwest Ireland, in August suffering from suspected malaria.

He went out to a local pub with friends on Sunday, Aug. 16 then wasn't seen again until friends found him dead at his home five days later. The local hospital quarantined his body as a suspected Ebola case, but his family found out about this only on news bulletins on the RTE state network.

### FACEBOOK FEARS:

In San Diego County on Thursday, staff on a college campus roped off a classroom building with about 50 people inside after a student told her instructor sister was hospitalized with flu-like symptoms.

The family had just returned on a flight from the Midwest, feeding spiraling rumors on social media that they had been on board the same plane that carried the Texas nurse who tested positive for Ebola. None of that turned out to be true.

After more than an hour, the school posted on its Facebook page: "No Ebola On Southwestern College Campus." □



# US officials defend Ebola response; nurse moved

**JIM KUHNHENN**  
**Associated Press**  
**WASHINGTON (AP)** —

caught Ebola from a patient, as criticism increased from lawmakers who ques-

the country. The revelation that one of the hospital nurses was

raised new alarms about the American response to the Ebola outbreak in

within Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea, the World Health Organization said.

In Sierra Leone, the government announced the virus had infected two people in the last part of the country that had been free of the disease, in the mountainous north, despite aggressive steps to keep it at bay. President Barack Obama authorized a call-up of reserve and National Guard troops in case they are needed.

His executive order would allow more forces than the up-to 4,000 already planned to be sent to West Africa, and for longer periods of time.

A ban on travel to the U.S. from the Ebola-stricken countries, sought by some Republican lawmakers, is not under consideration, White House spokesman Josh Earnest said Thursday. The president met into the evening with top aides and health officials at the White House, declaring afterward that he had no "philosophical objection" to imposing a travel ban on West Africa but had been told by health and security experts that it would be less effective than measures already in place — and perhaps would be counterproductive. □



**U.S. health officials are sworn in during a hearing of the House Energy and Commerce Committee examining the U.S. public health response to the Ebola outbreak, in Washington, Oct. 16, 2014. From left: Dr. Tom Frieden, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, and Dr. Robin Robinson, director of the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (Jabin Botsford/The New York Times)**

Health officials said Thursday they still don't know how two Dallas nurses

tioned whether the U.S. is prepared to stop the deadly virus from spreading in

cleared to fly on a commercial airline the day before she was diagnosed

West Africa. The death toll is expected to climb above 4,500 in Africa, all but a few

## Texas health workers receiving orders to stay home

**JAMIE STENGLE**  
**Associated Press**

**DALLAS (AP)** — Dozens of health care workers who had contact with the man who died of Ebola in Dallas were asked Thursday to sign legal documents in which they agreed to stay home, as authorities across the nation ramped up efforts to limit the virus' spread. The documents ask the 75 health care workers who had contact with Thomas Eric Duncan to agree not to go to public places or use mass transit, according to Judge Clay Jenkins, top administrator for Dallas County. The agreements are binding legal documents that can be enforced with a variety of remedies, Jenkins said,

though he repeatedly declined to elaborate about specific punishments when asked by reporters and expressed confidence that everyone would comply. "From 21 days after their last exposure, we are agreeing that they are not going to go on any form of public conveyance — any sort of public transportation," Jenkins said. "We are agreeing that they won't go where people congregate — public spaces — and we are agreeing that they will self-monitor and allow us to monitor them twice a day." It was one of several measures officials were taking Thursday amid an outbreak that has killed one person, infected two nurses and rattled nerves across the nation.

An official with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced that the agency is expanding its Ebola investigation to include passengers on a Friday flight from Dallas to Cleveland that carried a nurse later diagnosed with the disease. Officials already had been contacting passengers on a flight that Amber Vinson, 29, took Monday on her way back to Dallas from a weekend trip visiting family. Dr. Chris Braden of the CDC said during a news conference in Ohio that health officials are now investigating whether Vinson had any symptoms as far back as Saturday and said they couldn't rule out that she may "have had the start of her illness on Friday." Of-

ficials previously stressed that Vinson didn't show symptoms during her Ohio visit.

People infected with Ebola aren't contagious until they start showing symptoms, such as fever, body aches or stomach pain, and then the disease is only transmitted through direct contact with bodily fluid. Still, Frontier Airlines said it is notifying passengers who either were on Vinson's flights or on later trips using the same plane, telling them to contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention if they were concerned.

Meanwhile, the nurse who was the first person to contract Ebola in the U.S. was sent to a specialized federal facility on the East Coast, one day after Vinson was

taken to a similar location in Atlanta.

A spokesman for Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Dallas said the move was necessary as authorities brace for the possibility of another infection in Dallas.

Dozens of co-workers gathered outside the hospital and waved signs in support as nurse Nina Pham, who the hospital has said is in good condition, was transported to an airport for a flight to Maryland.

Among the health workers being monitored for Ebola is Dallas County's top public health epidemiologist. Dr. Wendy Chung confirmed Thursday that she spent time at Duncan's bedside and is among those potentially exposed to the virus. □



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## FBI director warns against cellphone encryption

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Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — FBI Director James Comey warned in stark terms Thursday against the push by technology companies to encrypt smartphone data and operating systems, arguing that murder cases could be stalled, suspects could walk free and justice could be thwarted by a locked phone or an encrypted hard drive. Privacy advocates and technology experts called the concerns exaggerated and little more than recycled arguments the government has raised against encryption since the early 1990s.

Likening encrypted data to a safe that cannot be cracked or a closet door that won't open, Comey said the move by tech companies to protect user communications in the name of privacy is certain to impede a wide range of criminal investigations. New legislation to allow law enforcement to intercept communications is needed at a time of advancing technology and new forms of communication, he said. "We have the legal author-

ity to intercept and access communications from information pursuant to court order, but we often lack the technical ability to do so," Comey said in a Brookings Institution speech.

But in a question-and-answer session after the speech, he said he could not cite particular instances in which someone was rescued from danger who wouldn't have been had law enforcement been blocked from that information.

"Logic tells me there are going to be cases like that," Comey said.

The speech, which echoes concerns he and others in law enforcement have previously made, comes soon after announcements by Apple and Google that their new operating systems will be encrypted, or protected with coding by default. Law enforcement officials could still intercept conversations but might not be able to access call data, contacts, photos and email stored on the phone.



**FBI Director James Comey speaks about the impact of technology on law enforcement, Thursday, Oct. 16, 2014, at Brookings Institution in Washington. Comey gave a stark warning Thursday against smartphone data encryption, saying homicide cases could be stalled, suspects could go free and "justice may be denied because of a locked phone or an encrypted hard drive."**

(AP Photo/Jose Luis Magana)

While the companies' actions are understandable, Comey said, "the place they are leading us is one we shouldn't go to without careful thought and debate."

"Encryption isn't just a technical feature. It's a marketing pitch. But it will have very serious consequences for law enforcement and national security

agencies at every level," Comey said.

The government's concerns may also center in part on the use of Apple's iMessage platform, which offers end-to-end encrypted text messages that supersede traditional SMS messages. That kind of encryption likely provides access to those messages on users' iPhones, of which Apple has sold more than 240 million since 2013.

He acknowledged a rise in public mistrust of government in the year since former National Security Agency systems analyst revealed NSA secret intelligence collection programs. But he said the public was wrong to believe that law enforcement can access any and all communications with the flip of a switch.

"It may be true in the movies or on TV. It is simply not the case in real life," he said.

Comey also said the FBI was committed to a "front-door" approach, through court orders and under strict oversight, to intercepting communications. Privacy advocates have long been concerned that that intercept would create an opening for hackers to exploit.

The American Civil Liberties Union said federal law protects the right of companies to add encryption with no backdoors and that the companies should be credited for being "unwilling to weaken security for everyone."

"Whether you call it a 'front door' or a 'back door,' weakening the security of a system to enable law enforcement access also opens that door to foreign governments and criminals," said Christopher Soghoian, principal technologist with the ACLU's Speech, Privacy and Technology Project. □

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# Michael Dukakis testifies in Tsarnaev friend trial



Former Massachusetts Governor and Democratic presidential nominee Michael Dukakis talks to members of the media outside Federal Court after testifying in the Robel Phillipos trial Thursday, Oct. 16, 2014 in Boston. Dukakis was called as a defense witness in the trial of Phillipos, a friend of Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, because the Phillipos family and the Dukakis family have been friends for years.

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AP Legal Affairs Writer

**BOSTON (AP)** — Michael Dukakis, the former Massachusetts governor and 1988 Democratic presidential nominee, was called as a defense witness Thursday for a friend of Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, telling jurors about a conversation he had with the defendant five days after the deadly bombing.

Robel Phillipos, 20, is charged with lying to authorities about his movements three days after the April 15, 2013, attack that killed three people and injured more than 260. Dukakis described himself as a longtime family friend of Phillipos and his mother. He said his wife, Kitty Dukakis, had worked as a social worker with Phillipos' mother and the two families remained friends.

Dukakis said Phillipos' mother called him on April 20, 2013, and said she was worried because she hadn't heard from her son for two days. Dukakis said he asked for Phillipos' cellphone number, then called him.

"He told me he had been questioned for five hours by the FBI," Dukakis said. "He told me he was so confused he didn't know what he said."

The spectacle of a former governor and presidential nominee testifying at the trial of a friend of the bombing suspect was not lost on jurors, who listened attentively as Dukakis briefly described his political career and his conversation with Phillipos.

Dukakis, 80, said he first met Phillipos when the defendant was about 4 or 5 years old. He said Phillipos came to his home over the

(AP Photo/Stephan Savoia)

years and he took him to the Democratic National Convention in 2004, when Phillipos was 10.

"We've certainly watched him grow up," Dukakis said. Phillipos wiped away tears with a tissue as Dukakis described their long relationship.

Prosecutors say Phillipos lied about being in Tsarnaev's dorm room at the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth when two other friends removed Tsarnaev's backpack and other potential evidence just hours after the FBI released photos of Tsarnaev and his brother as suspects. At the time, an intense manhunt was underway to find the Tsarnaevs.

Dukakis' testimony appeared to be designed to support the defense contention that Phillipos was a frightened and confused 19-year-old when

he was questioned by the FBI and did not intentionally mislead investigators. The defense also says that Phillipos was so high on marijuana that he couldn't clearly remember what he did the night of April 18, 2013, when the two other men removed Tsarnaev's backpack. Under cross-examination by Assistant U.S. Attorney John Capin, Dukakis acknowledged that he has no personal knowledge about what Phillipos told the FBI when he was interviewed. Capin asked Dukakis if Phillipos had told him that he had lied to federal agents about what he saw happen in Tsarnaev's dorm room, if he would have advised him to contact the FBI.

"If he had told me that,

sure, but he didn't," Dukakis said.

Phillipos attended high school in Cambridge with Tsarnaev and later attended UMass-Dartmouth with him.

Prosecutors say he told a string of lies to the FBI during several interviews until he finally confessed to being in Tsarnaev's dorm room and seeing the two friends take Tsarnaev's backpack, which contained fireworks that had been emptied of their explosive powder. The backpack was later recovered in a landfill.

The other two men were convicted of conspiracy and obstruction of justice.

Dukakis had two stints as Massachusetts governor, from 1975 to 1979 and 1983 to 1991. □

## Police:

## Body found near river could be actress

**SEATTLE (AP)** — Police in the Seattle suburb of Auburn said Thursday that they believe they have found the body of missing actress Misty Upham, known for her roles in "August: Osage County," "Frozen River" and "Django Unchained." A woman's body was found in a ravine near the White River around 1 p.m. Thursday, police spokesman Steve Stocker said. Items with Upham's name

on them were found nearby. Officials were waiting for the medical examiner to make a positive identification and determine the cause of death, Stocker said.

A family friend found the body while a group of friends and family were searching in the area.

The 32-year-old Native American actress was reported missing by her family Oct. 6, a day after they

told police she was suicidal. Misty Upham's father, Charles Upham, told KIRO-FM his daughter was upset and erratic and had stopped taking medication for anxiety and bipolar disorder.

The family said Upham had moved to the Seattle area to help care for her father, who's recovering from a stroke. She had been staying on the Muckleshoot reservation. □

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## US jobless aid applications fall to 14-year low

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**AP Economics Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The number of people seeking U.S. unemployment aid dropped to the lowest level in 14 years last week, the latest sign of a strengthening labor market that could help blunt worries about the impact of weak global growth.

The Labor Department said Thursday that weekly appli-

cations for unemployment aid fell 23,000 to a seasonally adjusted 264,000, the lowest level since April 2000. Given that the U.S. population has grown considerably since then, the proportion of the U.S. workforce applying for benefits is even smaller. Applications are a proxy for layoffs. Analysts cheered the unexpectedly strong data. Ian Shepherdson, chief econo-

mist at Pantheon Macroeconomics, described the report as "spectacular" and "astonishing."

"Whether claims can be sustained at such a low level - an all-time low, as a share of payroll employment - is debatable... but this is a clear signal of real strength in the labor market," he said in a note to clients.

The figures come as con-

cerns about slowing global economic growth have roiled financial markets for the past week. A drop in U.S. retail sales, reported Wednesday, intensified the volatility. The Dow plunged 460 points early Wednesday before recovering, but still closed down 173 points. Stocks continued falling Thursday, despite the improving data. The Dow was down 108 points in morning

trading.

The four-week average of applications, a less volatile measure, dropped 4,250 to 283,500, the lowest level since June 2000.

Consumers have remained cautious about spending even as employers have stepped up hiring. Retail sales fell 0.3 percent in September, the Commerce Department said Wednesday.

Still, employers added 248,000 jobs last month and hiring in the previous two months was healthier than previously believed, the government said earlier this month. That helped push down the unemployment rate down to 5.9 percent, a six-year low.

The economy has added 2.64 million jobs in the past 12 months, the best annual showing since April 2006.

The number of available jobs soared to a 13-year high in August, according to a separate government report. That suggests employers will keep adding jobs at a healthy clip in the coming months.

Yet companies have been wary about filling positions, frustrating many job-seekers. Some employers say they can't find workers with the right skills. Many economists, however, say that firms may not be offering high enough pay to attract qualified applicants. Despite the improved hiring, the job market remains scarred from the recession. More than 7 million people hold part-time jobs but want full-time work, up from 4.6 million before the downturn. And there are still twice as many people unemployed for longer than six months as there were before the recession, even though that figure has steadily declined in the past three years.

## Amazon hires 80K seasonal holiday workers

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**AP Technology Writer**

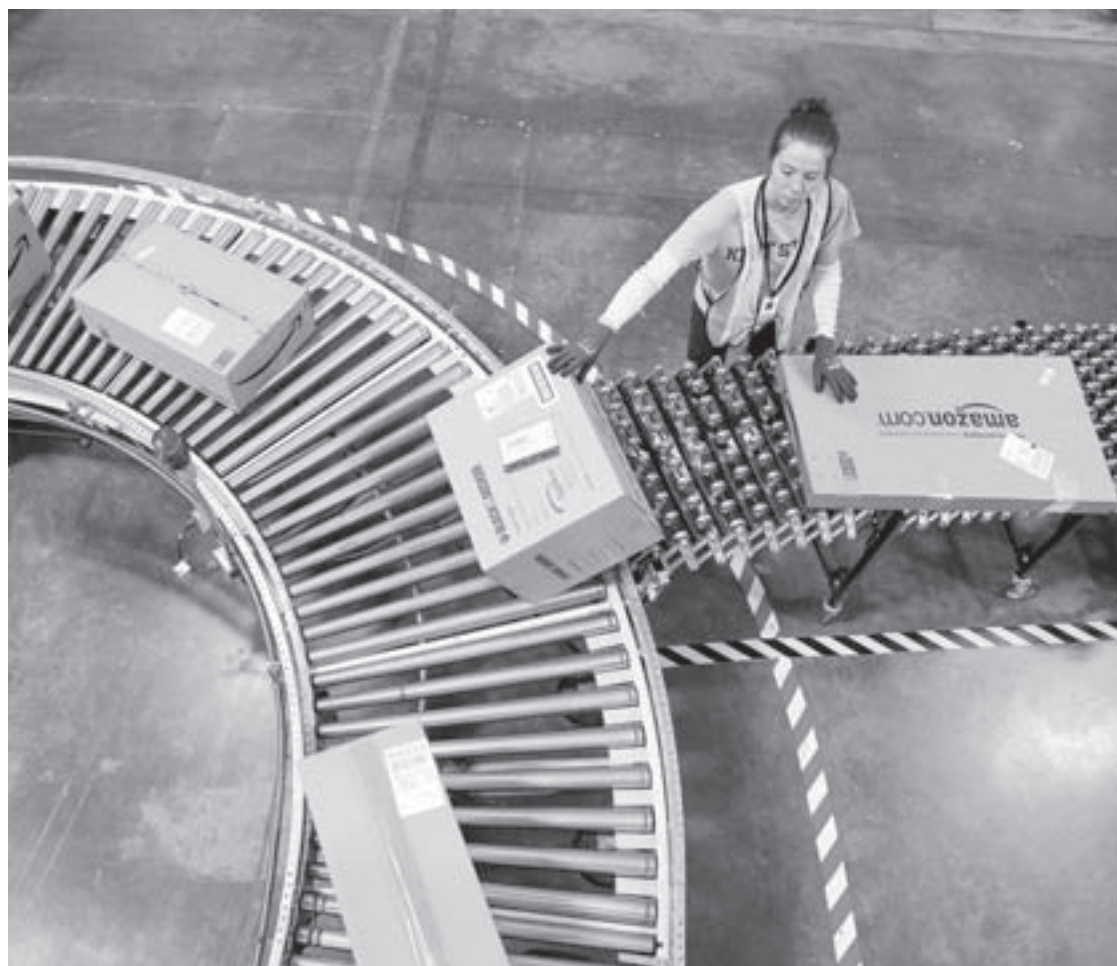
**NEW YORK (AP)** — Amazon is hiring 80,000 seasonal workers for its distribution centers as it looks to improve its shipping efficiency during the crucial holiday season.

The figure is a 14 percent increase over last year's hiring of 70,000 workers, as Amazon has been opening more distribution centers. It now has more than 50 distribution centers in the U.S., up from 40 last year.

And in July it announced it was opening eight smaller sorting centers for a total of 15 by year-end. At the centers packages are sorted by ZIP code and then transported to U.S. Postal Service offices.

The company says the sorting centers help Amazon offer services such as Sunday delivery, a later cutoff order time and tighter control over shipping logistics. Thousands of the seasonal jobs are expected to become permanent positions.

The pace of hiring at a retailer can serve as an indicator of expectations for the holiday shopping season, which accounts for 20 percent of the industry's annual sales, according to the



**Katherine Braun sorts packages toward the right shipping area at an Amazon.com fulfillment center in Goodyear, Ariz. Amazon is hiring 80,000 seasonal workers for its distribution centers as it looks to improve its shipping efficiency during the crucial 2014 holiday season.**

(AP Photo/Ross D. Franklin)

National Retail Federation, a trade group.

Seattle-based Amazon is hoping to avoid problems that occurred late in the holiday season last year, when shippers such as UPS were caught off guard by

spiking online orders, particularly from Amazon.com. Overall, the National Retail Federation said it expects sales during the November and December period to increase 4.1 percent to \$616.9 billion, up a percent-

age point higher than last year. It marks the highest increase since 2011 when the rise was 4.8 percent. Amazon employs more than 132,600 full-time and part-time employees globally.



## US Financial Front:

# American factory output rises 0.5% in September

**JOSH BOAK**

**AP Economics Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — U.S. manufacturing output rose in September, led by gains for aerospace products, furniture, clothing and plastics.

The Federal Reserve said Thursday that factory production rose 0.5 percent in September after falling 0.5 percent in August. Over the past 12 months, manufacturing output has increased 3.7 percent.

July, largely because there were fewer plant shut-downs in July made output look stronger after the government adjusted the figure for normal seasonal variations.

That decline was more than offset by improvements in other sectors. Furniture output rose 2.4 percent in September, while aerospace products climbed 1.7 percent. Clothing increased 1.5 percent, as plastics, rubber, chemicals and

Other recent manufacturing indicators have been mixed.

The Institute for Supply Management, a trade group of purchasing man-

agers, reported that the pace of manufacturing growth fell in September. □



**Jonah Devorak tests the dimensions on a high-pressure valve at Swagelok Co. in Strongsville, Ohio. The Federal Reserve released industrial production figures for September Thursday Oct. 16, 2014.**  
(AP Photo/Tony Dejak)

The continued pace of manufacturing output will likely be a bellwether for the broader economy. Job growth has been solid for much of 2014, yet the stock market has been hammered over the past week over concerns about Europe's financial footing, the slowdown in China's economy and Ebola outbreaks across three continents. Stalled growth — if not the risk of recession — in much of Europe could cut into demand for U.S. exports.

Total industrial production surged 1 percent last month, as output from mines and utilities both increased.

Despite the gains, autos appear to have downshifted after driving much of the output growth of the past year. Factory production of motor vehicles and parts slid 1.4 percent in September, the second straight monthly decline after tumbling 7 percent in August. Most economists expected a decline after auto production soared in

computer production also improved.

Paul Ashworth, chief U.S. economist at Capital Economics, interpreted those gains as a sign that factories are successfully weathering the dampened performance of the global economy.

"The slowdowns evident in China and the euro-zone are not having the devastating impact on the U.S. economy that the financial markets now apparently believe," Ashworth said.

The Standard & Poor's 500 stock index fell nearly 1 percent in early trading on Thursday and has plunged more than 3 percent since the start of the week.

The Fed report on industrial performance also found that output at utilities surged 3.9 percent last month, likely because hotter than normal temperatures caused more people to crank up the air conditioning. Mining output grew 1.8 percent and has advanced 9.1 percent over the past year, reflecting the shale gas boom.



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## Philadelphia teachers hit by latest budget cuts

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**PHILADELPHIA** - Money is so short at Feltonville School of Arts and Sciences, a public middle school here, that a nurse works only three afternoons a week, leaving the principal to oversee the daily medication of 10 children, including a diabetic who needs insulin shots. On the third floor filled with 200 seventh and eighth graders, one of two restrooms remains locked because there are not enough hall monitors. "When you are given a loaf of bread, you have to make it last as long as you can," said Michael Adelson, the math teacher. Feltonville serves 541 students, close to 80 percent of whom come from low-

income families.

Such is the state of austerity across Philadelphia, where this fall, the schools almost did not open on time, and the district has eliminated 5,000 staff positions and closed 31 schools over the last two years.

Feltonville alone has lost 15 teachers, two assistant principals, two guidance counselors, an office secretary, three campus police officers, 10 aides who supervised the cafeteria and hallways, and an operations officer, who oversaw most of the school's day-to-day logistics.

With state education funding down 8 percent from 2011 and pension costs rising, the city and school district have searched desperately for sources of revenue to close an \$81 million deficit.



Union representative Amy Roat, center, and other fellow teachers rally and reach out to parents before classes start at Feltonville School of Arts and Sciences, in Philadelphia. The state-appointed board that oversees the city's financially troubled schools has unilaterally and abruptly canceled the teacher's union contract and required them to pay a portion of their health care premiums.

(Jessica Kourkounis/The New York Times)

Like a tenant overturning sofa cushions looking for quarters to pay the rent, the city has raised property taxes twice in three years and imposed a new sales tax, and last month Gov.

Tom Corbett signed a law that would allow Philadelphia to impose a \$2 tax on each pack of cigarettes sold in the city. The latest fundraising effort came last week when the School Reform Commission, the state-appointed board

that oversees the Philadelphia schools, unilaterally and abruptly canceled the union contract for teachers and required them to pay minimum health care premiums from \$25 to \$67 a month for a single person. Until now, teachers have not paid for health insurance.

The move came seven months after members of the principals' union agreed to pay for part of their health insurance and cut their contract to 10 months from a full year, effectively reducing their wages.

The imposition of some health care costs on the teachers, which the union, the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers, pledges to contest in court, is expected to generate about \$44 million for the operating budget this school year, closing the budget gap.



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## Factories in Philadelphia grow more slowly

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AP Economics Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — A measure of factory activity in the Philadelphia region slipped last month, but remained at a healthy level, evidence that U.S. manufacturing output is holding up despite signs of a global slowdown.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia said Thursday that its index of regional factory activity slipped to 20.7 from 22.5 in September.

Any reading above zero indicates growth. It is the second drop in a row after the index reached a three-year high in August.

Still, economists were reassured by the data, partly because the decline

was much smaller than Wednesday's sharp drop in the New York Fed's regional manufacturing index. And the reading of 20.7 remains much higher than the average of 10.3 in the first half of this year.

In addition, the index follows a separate Fed report that showed factory output nationwide grew 0.5 percent in September. Steady manufacturing output could provide an anchor for the U.S. economy as financial markets have plunged over the past week because of worries about slower global growth.

The manufacturing data "are helpful reminders that the slowdowns evident in China and the euro-zone

and the slightly stronger dollar are not having the devastating impact on the US economy that the financial markets now apparently believe," Paul Ashworth, chief U.S. economist at Capital Economics, said in a note to clients.

Gauges of shipments and employment slipped, but new orders rose, suggesting growth could pick up in coming months.

The Philadelphia Fed's survey covers manufacturing in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware.

Also Thursday, the Labor Department said that applications for unemployment benefits fell sharply last week to a 14-year low. The weekly applications are a proxy for layoffs.





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# Putin cheered in Serbia en route to Milan

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"We have been united by many things in the past, and I hope we face good common future," Putin told Serbia's pro-Russian president, Tomislav Nikolic. Nikolic responded: "Serbia sees Russia as its big ally and partner, and we will always be on the same side."

The country's Western-leaning prime minister, Aleksandar Vucic, tried to reassure the EU, however, that Serbia is not changing its proclaimed course.

"Serbia is on its European Union path and it will not sway from that road," he said after his meeting with Putin.

Although Serbian officials say they respect Ukraine's territorial integrity and do not support Russia's annexation of Crimea, they have refused to impose sanctions against Russia like the EU and the U.S.

They say that would be disastrous for their country's stagnating economy — especially since most of its energy sector is controlled by Gazprom, the Russian energy giant.

Instead — and despite warnings from the EU — Serbia is hoping to capitalize on Russia's ban on Western goods by signing deals with Putin that would increase food exports to Russia.

During his talks with Vucic, Putin urged Serbia to profit from Moscow's sanctions against the West.

"It's a very good moment for Serbia to take a niche in the Russian market," he said, adding that Russian businessmen could offer loans to Serbian food producers so they could boost exports to Russia. He said Moscow could offer Serbia a guarantee for exporting a certain number of cars to Russia from Serbia's Fiat factory.

Putin also stressed the im-



Russian President Vladimir Putin, left, and Serbian President Tomislav Nikolic walk during a welcome ceremony at the airport in Belgrade, Serbia, Thursday, Oct. 16, 2014. Putin arrived in Serbia on Thursday for talks that are expected to focus on economic issues and energy, including construction of the South Stream gas pipeline that has been opposed by the European Union.

(AP Photo/Alexei Nikolsky)

## Putin makes Merkel wait in Milan

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Associated Press

**MILAN (AP)** — Russian President Vladimir Putin's diplomatic blitz on Ukraine got off to a rocky start Thursday when he kept German Chancellor Angela Merkel waiting for a meeting then showed up in the middle of a dinner with European and Asian leaders.

Putin is looking to get relief from Western economic sanctions imposed since Russia's annexation of the Crimean Peninsula and its support for a pro-Russia insurgency in eastern Ukraine.

To that end, he has scheduled a series of

meetings on the sidelines of a two-day ASEM summit of European and Asian leaders, including a breakfast meeting Friday with Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko and key European leaders.

The warm-up bilateral with Merkel was scheduled before the leaders' dinner, but Putin arrived late from Belgrade after the Serbs put on a long parade in his honor.

Not only did he keep Merkel waiting, but he missed a welcome toast at a dinner for the more than 50 leaders attending the summit and was caught on TV camera walking in as the European Council president made welcoming remarks. □

portance of the Moscow-controlled South Stream gas pipeline, which would bypass Ukraine and transport Russian gas into the heart of Europe. The EU has urged Serbia and member

states like Bulgaria to not start building the project, citing concerns over Russia's dual role as pipeline owner and gas supplier.

"I'm deeply convinced that this project is good

for European consumers, because it allows for significantly reduced transit risks," Putin said. "Dragging the feet on its construction is linked exclusively with political factors. □

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# Syrian Kurdish official calls for arms for Kobani

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**Associated Press**  
**MURSIPTINAR, Turkey (AP)**

— In its battle for the Syrian town of Kobani, the Islamic State group enjoys a key advantage: a supply of weapons, ammunition and fighters shuttling between Syria and Iraq.

The town's Syrian Kurdish defenders, while backed by airstrikes from the U.S.-led coalition, are outnumbered, poorly armed and squeezed against the unwelcoming Turkish border. Reflecting growing desperation despite their success so far in holding out, Syrian Kurdish officials are increasingly their appeals to better arm the defenders of the strategic frontier town.

"From the start, we said the coalition's airstrikes will not be able to save Kobani or to defeat Daesh in the area," said Idriss Nassan, deputy head of Kobani's foreign relations committee, using an Arabic acronym for the Islamic State group.

"We call upon the international community to open a humanitarian safe

passage to allow in food, medicine, and weapons supplies," Nassan told The Associated Press.

It's unclear what friend-

ers would have to cross through Turkey — a request the Ankara government is likely to rebuff.

The Islamic State group

Bolstered by the intensified air campaign targeting the Islamic State group, Kurdish militiamen were able to regain some of the positions

ing and sniper positions, and a heavy machine gun. "Indications are that airstrikes have continued to slow ISIL advances, but that the security situation on the ground in Kobani remains tenuous," the military said, using another acronym for the group.

But the Kurds fear their luck will run out without heavier weapons and more fighters to back their cause. About 3,000 to 4,000 Kurds are fighting to block the Sunni militant group from seizing Kobani, according to estimates from different Kurdish fighters.

They have urged Turkey to open the border to allow members of the Kurdish militia in northwestern Syria — known as the People's Protection Units, or YPG — to travel through Turkish territory to reinforce Kobani.

But Turkey is wary of the Syrian Kurds and their YPG militia, which it believes is affiliated with the Kurdish PKK movement in southeast Turkey that has waged a long and bloody insurgency.

This week, Turkish forces shelled PKK fighters in the country's southeast and said the coalition should fight both the Islamic State group and the government forces of Syrian President Bashar Assad.



**Turkish forces soldiers on their armoured vehicle patrol hold on the outskirts of Suruc, at the Turkey-Syria border, overlooking Kobani, Syria, background, during fighting between Syrian Kurds and the militants of Islamic State group, Thursday, Oct. 16, 2014. Kobani, also known as Ayn Arab, and its surrounding areas, has been under assault by extremists of the Islamic State group since mid-September and is being defended by Kurdish fighters.**

(AP Photo/Letteris Pitarakis)

ly countries could do. Weapons for Kurdish fight-

launched its Kobani offensive in mid-September, capturing dozens of nearby Kurdish villages and a third of the town in lightning advances that sent waves of civilians fleeing over the border into Turkey.

they lost in recent days. The U.S. Central Command said Thursday it most recently launched 14 airstrikes on Islamic State group targets near Kobani, hitting 19 buildings and two command posts, as well as fight-

## Attacks in Baghdad kill at least 47 people

**SINAN SALAHEDDIN**  
**Associated Press**

**BAGHDAD (AP)** — Militants unleashed a wave of attacks in Iraq on Thursday, mainly targeting Shiite areas in and around the capital of Baghdad, killing at least 47 people and wounding dozens, authorities said.

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the day's deadliest attack. The Sunni militant group has overrun vast areas in western and northern Iraq as well as parts of neighboring Syria, and has vowed to destabilize and eventually take over Baghdad.

In that strike, two parked car bombs exploded simultaneously in a commercial area in the northern Dolaie

neighborhood, killing 14 civilians and wounding 34 others, a police officer said. Angry residents in the neighborhood threw stones at police checkpoints and police cars that arrived to respond to the blasts, prompting police to withdraw from the area.

Senior Iraqi officials have tried to reassure residents that the capital is too well-protected for militants to capture, even as they struggle to stop frequent near daily deadly attacks. The Islamic State group said the Dolaie attack targeted Iraqi soldiers and Shiite militiamen allied with them. The authenticity of the claim could not be independently verified, but it was posted on websites fre-

quently used by the group. In the eastern neighborhood of Talibiyah, a suicide bomber rammed his explosives-laden car into a police checkpoint, killing at least 12 people, another police officer said. The dead in that attack included seven policemen and five civilians, he added. At least 28 other people were wounded.

Six other civilians were killed and 16 wounded in another car bomb explosion on a commercial street in the northern Hurriyah district, police said.

And in the northern Shula neighborhood, six civilians were killed and 18 wounded when mortar rounds rained down on a residential area, police added.



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## Brazil presidential contenders battle in debate

**BRAD BROOKS**  
Associated Press

**RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)** — Brazil's presidential contenders squared off in an acrimonious debate Thursday, trading barbs about corruption, nepotism and the ability to spark the stagnant economy. President Dilma Rousseff and her opposition rival, Aécio Neves, are deadlocked in opinion polls less than two weeks ahead of the Oct. 26 runoff election. Both clearly showed they are moving the race into a more combative phase. Rousseff leveled charges that Neves put family members into cushy government jobs when he was governor of Brazil's second-largest state. Neves fired back that the president's brother was employed in a "phantom" government job, receiving pay but not showing up for work. Rousseff also made an in-



**Brazil's President Dilma Rousseff, who is running for re-election with the Workers Party, waves to photographers during a commercial break as she attends a presidential candidate debate in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Thursday, Oct. 16, 2014. Rousseff will face Aécio Neves, candidate with the Brazilian Social Democracy Party, in a presidential runoff on Sunday, Oct. 26.**

(AP Photo/Andre Penner)

direct reference to an episode in 2011 when Neves was stopped in Rio de Janeiro at a police blitz looking for drunk drivers, during which he exercised his legal right to decline a breath test and was driving with an expired license. "Have the courage to at least ask the question directly," Neves angrily shot

back. "Yes, there was an episode in which I refused to take a breath test. My license was expired," he said. "I regret it, unlike you, who regrets nothing. Let's talk about serious things; it's impossible for you to carry out a dirtier campaign than you already have." Neves then returned to

hammering away at a growing kickback scandal at the state-run oil company, Petrobras, where a former top executive has told investigators he helped operate a long-running scheme that funneled money back to Rousseff's Workers' Party. The president said that an investigation is taking place under her government's watch and that no Brazilian leader has fought corruption more than she has, including her forcing out several of her own ministers early in her term after allegations of corruption surfaced against them. "For the first time, Brazil is systematically combatting corruption," Rousseff said, arguing that when her rival's Social Democracy

Party held the presidency in 1995-2003, investigations into corruption were squashed. Rousseff won the most votes in the first-round ballot earlier this month, but didn't win the outright majority needed to avoid a runoff. Neves staged a surprising comeback in the days ahead of the first vote to come in second and get into the second-round ballot. Neves, a two-term governor in Minas Gerais state who left that office in 2010 with a 92 percent approval rating, railed against Rousseff's management of the economy, which has grown at less than 2 percent annually over the past four years and is now in a recession. □

## Venezuela jubilant over UN victory

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Associated Press

**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)** — Venezuela is celebrating Thursday's election to a seat on the United Nations' most powerful body as a global ratification of the country's socialist revolution. A jubilant President Nicolas Maduro appeared on television shortly after the U.N. General Assembly voted in Venezuela as one of five new temporary members of the Security Council and led his entire cabinet in an extended round of applause. The late Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez tried for one of the 10 non-permanent seats on the council in 2006, but the U.S. succeeded in torpedoing his

campaign. Maduro said Thursday's win showed the support the "entire world" has for Chavez's vision. The win comes on the heels of a report from another UN body condemning Venezuela for taking political prisoners during a crackdown on anti-government street protests this spring that was widely criticized by human rights groups. The UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detentions called on Venezuela to immediately release opposition leader Leopoldo Lopez, who has been jailed since February for his role in the street demonstrations. Last week, Foreign Minister Rafael Ramirez rejected the group's findings as an attempt to interfere with

Venezuelan sovereignty. Speaking in New York City after the vote, Ramirez applauded Maduro for bringing the "model of the peaceful settlement conflict that has been so successful domestically" to the international stage. "The historic success that has been achieved by Venezuela shows clearly the wide support that our revolution has from the international community, as a promoter of peace, social justice and respect for human rights," he added. Venezuela's socialist government was unopposed for the single seat allocated to Latin America and the Caribbean. The winners will join the council on Jan. 1 and serve through 2016. □

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## Rare independent group to open debate for Cuba

**MICHAEL WEISSENSTEIN**

**Associated Press**

**CARDENAS, Cuba (AP)** — The former editors of one of Cuba's few non-government controlled media outlets have quietly restarted efforts to spur debate about the nation's future, launching a series of public forums and plans for a new journal addressing the island's most urgent problems.

The project, known as "Cuba Posible," joins a handful of others in the small space between the uncritical state-run media and fiercely partisan dissident websites that have little reach inside Cuba.

Lawyer Roberto Veiga and journalist Lenier Gonzalez gained renown among Cuban intellectuals by transforming the Catholic church magazine Espacio Laical into a rare and influential forum for sociopolitical debate before the two men left last year amid an apparent church backlash over the publication's aggressive coverage of current affairs.

The two men and their small circle of close collaborators say they are confident the project can provide a space for dialogue between government supporters and critics without running afoul of the island's communist leaders.

"We hope that we'll be heard and paid attention to in the world of politics," said sociologist and project backer Aurelio Alonso. "We hope that what's said won't remain in a void, but will affect institutions and political players."

Funded by Norway's University of Oslo, Cuba Posible is based out of the Christian Center for Reflexion and Dialogue, an ecumenical church group focused on community projects that occasionally publishes newsletters and magazines from Cardenas, a sleepy mid-sized city about 95 miles (155 kilometers) east of Havana. Basing the new group there means it can use the center's existing government permits rather than seek permission for a new independent publication.

"There have always been people inside the government who don't like what we do and people who care about what we do," Veiga told The Associated Press this week. "There are a variety of opinions but there's no policy aimed at disrupting or battling us."

The first public forum attracted dozens of academics and intellectuals and gave a hint of the group's approach. Its central theme, "Cuba: Sovereignty and the Future," was uncontroversial enough to avoid the risk of official ire. Participants avoided direct criticism of President Raul Castro or the island's single-party system in place since the 1959 revolution. But some speakers, particularly those who rose from the audience to question speakers on panels, were unsparing in their evaluations of Cuba's poor performance in a variety of sectors ranging from expanding the economy to updating educational curricula.

Gonzalez said the project's founders were fierce defenders of Cuban sovereignty and wanted to improve the current system rather than see it overturned in a return to its pre-revolutionary past.

"We don't think that's a possibility for Cuba and we don't want that," he said. "We're working to pose important questions, to maintain the ideal that a better country is possible, and it's possible to achieve that among Cubans who think differently but have common values." Prominent Cuban exile businessman Carlos Saladrigas, who participated in forums organized by Espacio Laical, said he believed that Cuba Posible could gain more influence than the two men's former publication.

## In the Caribbean; Long neglected, disabled make gains

**DAVID McFADDEN**

**Associated Press**

**KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)**

— Claudia Gordon abruptly went deaf as a child in rural Jamaica, and lost much more than her hearing as a result.

She was pulled out of school and kept at home to perform chores. Neighbors shunned, and sometimes mocked her. Some of the people who took care

protections for the disabled are often scarce. But things appear to be gradually improving after years of struggle.

Jamaica last week passed a watershed law that will, among other things, prohibit workplace discrimination and create a special tribunal to rule on complaints made by disabled citizens. The adoption of the law follows similar ac-

banished.

"I would say 65 percent of the population still sees people with disabilities as charity cases," he said in his office at the University of the West Indies, where he leads a regional research center studying issues affecting the disabled.

The changing landscape for disabled citizens will be measured most by maturing attitudes, said Gordon,



**Arron Logan poses for photos at the Hope Valley Experimental School in Kingston, Jamaica. Diagnosed with a relatively mild case of cerebral palsy, the bright, determined 9-year-old with dreams of becoming a doctor is one of several disabled youngsters enrolled at the school founded in 1972 that integrates physically challenged students alongside able-bodied peers.**

(AP Photo/David McFadden)

of her periodically hauled her off to rituals where soothsayers would attempt to cure the medical condition, still mysterious to this day, that caused her deafness.

"I was confused by my sudden hearing loss and filled with a sense of hopelessness from being ostracized for it.

Why can't I go to school? Why am I not being taken along with the other kids in my family during outings? Why do people stare? Why do they laugh at me?" Gordon, now a prominent lawyer and disability rights advocate in Washington, recalls of those traumatic days in the early 1980s.

Her experience was similar to that of many physically and mentally disabled people in the Caribbean, where resources and basic

tions taken in Bahamas and Guyana. Sign language interpreters are seen more often on Caribbean TV stations and schools are becoming more inclusive of students with disabilities.

"It's catching on in the region," Gloria Goffe, a blind Jamaican who is coordinator of the nonprofit Combined Disabilities Association, said of efforts to protect people with disabilities. Jamaica's long-awaited Disabilities Act was shepherded by Sen. Floyd Morris, who made history last year when he was sworn in as the first blind president of the country's Senate. He describes the law as a historic achievement for the roughly 163,000 disabled Jamaicans.

But Morris cautioned there is a long way to go before pervasive stigma can be

who had to leave her Caribbean homeland to fully realize her potential. She moved to New York at age 11 and blossomed after being given the opportunity to work hard and excel.

"Laws cannot regulate attitude and sadly the perception and attitude toward people with disabilities can be more disabling than our disability in and of itself," Gordon wrote in an email to The Associated Press in her personal capacity. Shattering the early preconceptions about her abilities, Gordon is now chief of staff at a contract compliance office in the U.S. Department of Labor. Last year she served a high-profile stint as a liaison between President Barack Obama's administration and the disabled community.





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start realizing how beautiful our island really is. So I took some time to "smell the ocean breeze"..... I truly think that all locals should do so, once in a while, to appreciate where we live and what we have. ☐ Enjoy breakfast outside in your patio or yard. Breathe in and out.... Let it sink in a little. No rush and no hurry. Take time to enjoy your fresh squeezed lemon juice from your backyard trees with a fish omelet (left over's from last night's incredible catch of the day). Grab an ice cooler, fill it up with anything you like to drink cold, and start driving. Of course you can get



in an air-conditioned car, but also nice for the experience are the open-air jeeps. In that case all you need is to protect yourself with sun block because our sun is really strong-I recommend Aruba Aloe brand! Packed with a towel and

the ice cooler I started driving along the coast line. Never realized how many different shades of blue really exist in the ocean. I counted at least 9 different types of blues-just like you see in famous movies like the "blue lagoon". First stop was the famous Charlie's Bar in San Nicolaas Main Street. Generation after generation of Charlie's have been running this cozy place, where you can spend hours looking around and identifying all the things visiting tourists have left behind to personalize the bar, like baseball caps, business cards, license plates and of course weird kind of souvenirs. Go check it out yourself..... Up to Baby Beach and Rogers beach. These are the places locals go. This is where we teach our kids to swim. Calm and shallow waters, lots of space to lie out and catch some sun. If you pick a spot close to the Snack Container where they sell burger and

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**PALM BEACH** – The spotlight on the island's youth, through the "Hoben y Talentoso" (Young and Talented) program, continues to shine as revealed through an ever-growing number of visits to its Facebook page. Since the page was launched on September 1st, its video interviews, photo profiles and program spotlights have garnered over 1,200 "likes". As a proud contributor to the program, and a supporter of its social media efforts, the Playa Linda Beach Resort is pleased with the recognition being given to young Arubans who are excelling in different fields, including education, innovation, sports, arts and music.

"We are excited to support the program. It is a great investment in the community and the talented young people of Aruba," comments Playa Linda General Manager Steven Marra. "I have had the opportunity to work with young folks, in and outside of the program, at the Playa Lin-

da and also during the nine years I have been in Aruba and at different hotels. They are our future, and has been a pleasure to support and see young, smart employees rise in their careers."

A past Young & Talented program participant, Seantrick Webb, was recently part of the sales team at the Playa Linda, and impressed the staff with his enthusiasm and drive. He is now continuing his studies as an EPI student and still works part time for the Resort. "Seantrick did an outstanding job. So much so that when we were approached about becoming further involved, we were very interested and supportive," remarks Marra.

An initiative of the Government of Aruba, the Young and Talented Program provides a platform to spotlight different individuals, with plans for an upcoming book as well as through the use of social media platforms. It is a public/private partnership in which the Playa Linda Beach



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## 'Tienda di Educacion' Continues To Support Parenting

**ORANJESTAD** - Since October 10th 2013 Tienda di Educacion, telefon pa mayor, is available for the Aruban community. Tienda di Educacion is the place where you can find any form of advice and support for the upbringing of your children. We exist now for one year and reached already a big amount of parents/educators. About which we are very proud but still we want to see this amount increase because we know that raising a child is something special that you do every day but it remains a challenge. There for we ask all the parents/educators not to refrain from calling us with their questions or doubts on the free parenting helpline 161. More than 300 people called us on the

parenting helpline, 161. Apart from the calls, more than 25 people came for a personal conversation at our office. The subjects in the calls are varying but some subjects reoccur. For example parents/educators with teenage kids have a lot of questions, because there is a lot of changes in this stage of life and that is why parents/educators become uncertain and hesitant (experimenting with drugs; sexual education; rela-

tionship; social media). In addition to parents/educators with teenage kids a lot of calls are about: my child doesn't listen what can I do; my child doesn't want to make homework; they are bullying my child or my child is hyperactive, how can he/she become more calm. It is prominent that most of the callers are mothers, grandmothers or stepmothers. There for we want to invite all the fathers, grandfathers or stepfathers to call be-

cause their role in the upbringing of children is certainly very important and of course they also can have questions. As well as individual support, we also offer workshops for groups of parents/educators. Last year we organized 34 workshops at different locations like parents' evening at school, at the YMCA, at Directie Sociale Zaken, at the Wit Gele Kruis and with a group of teenage mums, who meet with us every month. Besides these workshops we worked together in different campaigns like I Love My Body Campaign and the upbringing carousel of Cedehm, which all together were 8 workshops we organized. We regularly take part in activity's organized for the Aruban community

where we can meet parents/educators for example the feria with FCCA, the national child book week or a congress like "Ban papia tocante sexualidad". As you can read we mustn't be unsatisfied about the results in one year but as I mentioned already we would like to motivate all the parents/educators to call us when they have questions or doubts about the upbringing of their children. We will undoubtedly organize more workshops in the upcoming period and announce them everywhere so that more people can come and join us. Keep yourself posted on our Facebook account: Tienda di Educacion or like our FB so that you will receive our information automatically. □







# HONOR ROLL

Baylor quarterback Bryce Petty (14) passes during the first half of an NCAA college football game in Waco, Texas.  
(AP Photo/LM Otero)

## Baylor's Petty Tops Midseason Best of the Big 12



## Royal Road to World Series

The Kansas City Royals players celebrate in the locker room after the Royals defeated the Baltimore Orioles 2-1 in Game 4 of the American League baseball championship series Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2014, in Kansas City, Mo. The Royals advanced to the World Series.

(AP Photo/Charlie Riedel)

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**AUSTIN, Texas** -- Baylor coach Art Briles told his team to "keep it ugly" last Saturday against TCU.

Quarterback Bryce Petty must not have realized Briles was speaking metaphorically. Petty had an ugly game the Saturday before against Texas, completing only seven passes for 111 yards. But his team won, 28-7.

Petty's game against the Horned Frogs stayed below par, hitting its ugliest point early in the fourth quarter after Marcus Mallett returned an interception 49 yards for a touchdown, upping TCU's lead to 21 points.

Petty's poor play just made what happened next the more spectacular. It showed why he's still the best player in the confer-

ence, topping the Austin American-Statesman's midseason Best of the Big 12 list of the league's top players.

The Bears quarterback led his team to 24 straight points in the final 11 minutes. By game's end, he'd thrown for a career-high 510 yards and six touchdowns. Baylor avoided the upset and moved to No. 4 in the country. The goal will be to stay in the top four the rest of the season.

Afterwards, Petty made it known he didn't want to talk about how his individual performance placed him back in the midseason banter for postseason awards.

"It really does not matter who you put on the other side of the field with us," Petty said.

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# Baylor's Petty tops midseason Best of the Big 12

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"It was a huge opportunity on a national scale, and we won it again."

The contest for the Heisman Trophy is wide open, with no clear favorite. Georgia running back Todd Gurley, who was thought to be the front-runner, has been suspended. And Florida State's Jameis Winston, last year's winner, has off-field issues which are having a negative impact on his draft status while making him an unattractive candidate for postseason awards.

Then there's Petty, who's been on national radio shows this week, with one host declaring him as one of the most engaging players he's had on the air. The Bears travel to West Virginia on Saturday in what should be another extraordinary offensive day. The last time Baylor was in Morgantown, the Mountaineers won 70-63. The total points were three shy of the NCAA record for most scored in a non-overtime game.

"Petty is a great player," said West Virginia coach Dana Holgorsen. "It seems like he's been there for six years, seven years, which I think he has. He understands their system. He's got great experience. He's big. He's fast. He's strong. He's smart. He runs their offense the way it needs to be run."

Holgorsen and Briles are



**CU wide receiver Josh Doctson (9) and quarterback Trevone Boykin (2) celebrate connecting for a pass during the second quarter of an NCAA college football game in Fort Worth, Texas. (AP Photo/LM Otero)**

the two coaches primarily responsible for introducing the uptempo offensive approach to college football. So Holgorsen's high praise of Petty carries far greater weight than words from other coaches.

Until Petty's comeback against TCU, Frogs quarterback Trevone Boykin probably was the Big 12's top player at the midseason point. His 353.6 yards per game ranks seventh nationally and second in the

Big 12. He's also one of only eight quarterbacks in the country to lead their team in both passing and rushing.

Boykin very nearly had another top 10 upset in as many weeks to complement TCU's win over Oklahoma.

**Here's a look at the Statesman's midseason Big 12 of the Big 12, ranked in order:**

**1. Bryce Petty**, Baylor QB: His stats look somewhat pedestrian, averaging 328 yards of total offense a game. But he was hurt through mid-September.

**2. Trevone Boykin**, TCU QB: He's averaging 292.6 passing yards per game and has been deadly on the old-school speed option.

**3. Kevin White**, West Virginia WR: Leads the nation with 888 receiving yards. He's the league's only receiver averaging double-digit catches a game.

**4. Malcom Brown**, Texas DT: The most active defensive lineman in the conference, with 34 tackles.

**5. Paul Dawson**, TCU LB: He's the tops in the conference with 11 tackles per game. Also has two interceptions, three recovered fumbles and two forced fumbles.

**6. Shock Linwood**, Baylor RB: Despite his early injuries, he leads the Big 12 in rushing. In his last two games, he rushed for 322 yards.

**7. Zack Sanchez**, Oklahoma CB: He leads the Big 12

and is second nationally in interceptions with five, including a pick six vs. Texas.

**8. Sterling Shepard**, Oklahoma WR: The Sooners' best offensive player is averaging 119 receiving yards a game; he accounts for 48 percent of OU's receiving total.

**9. Tyreek Hill**, Oklahoma State WR/R: He's averaging 163 all-purpose yards per game and is the bright spot on the Cowboys' dreary offense.

**10. Spencer Drango**, Baylor OT: Grading out at over 90 percent per game. He's also bolstering his first-round NFL grade.

**11. Tyler Lockett**, Kansas State WR/PR: Averaging almost 27 yards per punt return, second-best in the country.

**12. Ben Heeney**, Kansas LB: Leads the Big 12 in solo tackles (41) and tackles for loss (10)

**Best of the Big 12: Bubble players.**

On the verge of cracking the list?

Shawn Oakman, Baylor DE: He has five sacks in the first six games; Jakeem Grant, Texas Tech WR/R: He tops the league in all-purpose yards; Clint Trickett, West Virginia QB: The best passing stats in the Big 12; Jordan Hicks, Texas LB: Averaging 10 tackles per game; E.J. Bibbs, Iowa State TE: With 22 catches, he's vying for tops at his position in the country. □

## Florida State looks to exploit Notre Dame defense

**Tom D'Angelo**

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**WEST PALM BEACH**, Fla. -- Jimbo Fisher is not interested in how Notre Dame got to 6-0 but just that the Irish are undefeated.

The fifth-ranked Irish escaped with a 50-43 victory over 2-4 North Carolina last week after trailing by two touchdowns early. The previous week, the Irish needed a 23-yard touchdown pass on fourth down with just more than a minute remaining to pull out a 17-14 victory over Stanford. Both games were in South Bend,

Indiana.

Fisher says those games prove that Notre Dame knows how to win.

"That's what great teams do, and I think that's what they do and what we do," Fisher said.

Fisher seemed to be reading from the same script as Notre Dame coach Brian Kelly, who took the same approach after Saturday's close call.

"We managed to find a way to battle back and get up on them and score 15 points late in the game and get a win," Kelly said.

"There are many, many things I could delve into, but the thing that points up for me is that our guys know how to win football games. They found a way to win this one."

The Irish recovered a North Carolina onside kick with 47 seconds remaining to seal the victory.

Notre Dame faces second-ranked Florida State (6-0) at 8 p.m. ET Saturday at Doak Campbell Stadium in a game that will go a long way in determining who is among the four teams selected for the college foot-

ball playoff. Notre Dame has steadily risen in the polls since starting at No. 17 in the preseason, despite struggling to put opponents away of late.

After starting the season with 31-point victories over Rice and Michigan, Notre Dame's average margin of victory is just more than 10 points, and this against a schedule that includes just one team with a winning record, 4-2 Stanford.

"We need to increase intensity, increase focus, increase execution, communication, all that kind of

stuff," safety Max Redfield said after Saturday's win. "Florida State is a great team. We know it's going to be a challenge."

The biggest mystery was the Notre Dame defense, which entered Saturday having allowed just 60 points all season and 316.0 yards per game, and was gashed for 43 points and 510 yards by the Tar Heels. North Carolina scored the most points by an opponent ever in a Notre Dame victory, a period that covers 128 years and 880 victories. □



# McDowell loses in Match Play, Stenson rallies



Finland's Mikko Ilonen plays a tee-shot during day two of the World Match Play Championship at The London Golf Club, golf course in Ash southeast England Thursday Oct. 16, 2014.  
(AP Photo/Gareth Fuller/PA)

**BERNIE MCGUIRE**  
Associated Press

**ASH, England (AP)** — Defending champion Graeme McDowell's comeback fell short, while Henrik Stenson rallied from three holes

down with success at the World Match Play Championship on Thursday. McDowell fell to Mikko Ilonen of Finland 2 and 1 in their second pool match at the London Club.

It was only McDowell's third defeat in 18 matches in the event.

Ilonen raced to 4 up after 10 holes before McDowell fought back with birdies on 11, 13 and 15 to be 1 down. But Ilonen, the Irish Open champion, birdied the 17th to seal the win.

"It feels very good to beat a player of Graeme's quality," Ilonen said.

Only their pool leader Joost Luiten of the Netherlands, and Victor Dubuisson, remain unbeaten going into the last round of pool play on Friday, to determine the quarterfinalists.

Stenson, the top seed in the 16-man event, produced a startling finish of eagle-birdie-birdie to overcome Francesco Molinari of Italy 2 and 1. Molinari carded 7 under

but Stenson went 8 under over the last nine holes, not leading the match until his second-to-last birdie on 16. There was a measure of revenge for Stenson, after Molinari knocked him out of the event a year ago in Bulgaria.

"I gave Francesco a couple of early gifts being 3 down after four. That really was not in the plan but I didn't give up," Stenson said.

"To be eight under from nine onwards meant for another good day. Considering I came here not having touched a golf club for nearly two weeks, I will take that." Larrazabal birdied the opening two holes to race ahead, but Gallacher then birdied the third, fifth and sixth holes to take the lead.

The duo halved the next five holes before Larrazabal won the 13th and claimed victory at the last.

Dubuisson was never behind Shane Lowry of Ireland, claiming a 3 and 2 victory at the 16th hole.

Luiten was 4 up through 11 holes en route to beating Alexander Levy of France, last week's Portugal Masters winner, 4 and 3.

Ryder Cup-winning hero Jamie Donaldson won 4 and 3 against U.S.-based Jonas Blixt of Sweden, American Patrick Reed won his first match in the event, 2 and 1 over 2006 champion Paul Casey of England, and George Coetzee of South Africa remained in quarter-final contention by beating 2013 runner-up Thongchai Jaidee 2 and 1. □

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## At Hong Kong Open Randhawa takes 1-stroke lead

**HONG KONG (AP)** — Jyoti Randhawa shot a 6-under 64 to take a one-stroke lead after the first round of the Hong Kong Open on Thursday.

Angelo Que (65) was in second place, one ahead of group of nine others at 66 that included four-time major champion Ernie Els. Els, who turns 45 on Friday, was playing in his first tournament during a month-long Asian swing which will also take him to Macau and China.

"I missed three very makeable putts on the back nine and that hurt a little bit," Els said after carding six birdies and two bogeys.

The Hong Kong Open is

sanctioned by both the European Tour and the Asian Tour and is being played for the second time on the European Tour calendar.

Four-time champion Miguel Angel Jimenez (72) struggled with the after-effects of food poisoning. The 50-year-old Spaniard won the Hong Kong Open in 2004, '07, '12 and '13.

"I was cramping badly and was very sick. I had been vomiting and going out all night. I couldn't even sleep," said Jimenez, who is bidding to join Tiger Woods, Tom Watson and Bernhard Langer as the only people to have won the same tournament five times. □

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# Royals Envisioned Success, And Then Saw It Through

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**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** - Dayton Moore sat in the home dugout at Kauffman Stadium early Wednesday afternoon, a few hours before his Kansas City Royals burst from that same bench and onto the field as champions of the American League. David Glass, the Royals' owner, found Moore and told him how much he had enjoyed the previous night's victory, by 2-1 over the Baltimore Orioles. The game, Glass said, was baseball the way it was meant to be played. Glass, 79, the former Wal-Mart chief executive, asked Moore if he could do anything for him. Just cheer, Moore replied - because, really, Glass had already done plenty. He has never given Moore a very high payroll, but he gave him something even more precious: the time to implement a vision that has, at last, led the Royals to the World Series. They roll in with eight consecutive victories, a record to start a postseason.

"Dayton told the Glass family, 'This is what we need,' and they've supported him," said Mike Sweeney, the former Royals first baseman and a baseball operations assistant. "His vision's come to fruition, and it's beautiful. Unwavering."

Sweeney last played for the Royals in 2007, Moore's first full year as general manager. That season Sweeney finished a \$55 million contract, a figure the Royals still have not exceeded for any one player. There were no quick fixes for Moore and the Royals, no easy way out of a postseason drought that stretched to 1985.

There was only a process. "I know he took heat because, along the way, when we weren't winning as much as fans thought we should, he used the word 'process,' and people made fun of that," said Mike Arbuckle, a senior adviser to Moore. "But it was a process. He stuck to every part of the process to get us where we are, and his leadership has allowed us

to do that."

The blueprint was to nurture Alex Gordon and Billy Butler, then the Royals' best young players, and sign them to long-term contracts; develop more top prospects - through the draft and internationally - and sign them, too; trade other prospects for outside help; and sign a few bargain free agents, if possible. All of it has happened, and all with the underpin-

ball. He has well-founded confidence that his hitters will put the ball in play, and that his base runners can cause havoc.

"I'm real comfortable in my own skin," Yost said. "I don't feel like I need vindication. I'm not looking for it; don't care for it. None of this was ever about me."

Moore emphasizes consistency of vision, from Glass on down. Every spring, Moore said, he tells the

a leadership team, in baseball operations, to support their efforts."

At the time, outfielder Wil Myers had never played - and, significantly, had never failed - in the major leagues. He was Baseball America's minor league player of the year in 2012, and his value could not have been higher. Moore packaged Myers with three others to the Tampa Bay Rays for an ace, James

ful transition. Gordon, drafted second overall in 2005, before Moore's arrival, had seemed like a bust at the time. He became an All-Star and Gold Glove winner. "When I was struggling, he wanted to make sure I was OK," Gordon said. "The first thing he said was, 'I want to make sure you and your family are good.' He really cares about you and he's very supportive. I've only worked for one GM,



**Kansas City Royals' Billy Butler watches his sacrifice fly during the sixth inning of Game 3 of the American League baseball championship series against the Baltimore Orioles Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2014, in Kansas City, Mo. The Royals advance to the World Series.**

(AP Photo/Matt Slocum)

nings of an unrelenting philosophy. For the Royals to compete, Moore believed, they could not do it with power hitters. The ballpark was too big, and even if a young player did become a top slugger, he would price himself out of the Royals' range through salary arbitration. It was cheaper to cultivate speed, which players could use not only on the bases but also in the field, thus aiding the pitchers. So it was an ordinary offense, in terms of output, with an unusual character. Through that prism, it is easier to understand manager Ned Yost's stubborn fondness for so-called small

team that everyone's success is tied together. He has been open with players about his strategy, and felt a responsibility to them to augment the roster after a fourth consecutive 90-loss season in 2012.

"Part of creating organizational harmony is articulating a plan and doing everything you can to execute it," Moore said. "When we sign our players long-term, they all want to win. These guys are the most competitive people on the planet and they want to be a part of a winning team, a winning culture. So we made a commitment: We've got to give our absolute best as

Shields, and the top setup man Wade Davis.

The Royals won 86 games last season, narrowly missing the playoffs, then added starter Jason Vargas and second baseman Omar Infante, both with four-year contracts, through free agency. The players appreciated the show of confidence, and for Gordon, the team's cornerstone, the bond with Moore runs deeper.

A former college infielder, Moore sold Gordon on a plan to move from third base to left field in 2010, citing examples of others, like Milwaukee's Ryan Braun, who had made a success-

but I can't imagine there's a nicer or better person in this business, and I know the guys in here feel the same way."

("It's as dynamic a team as you'll see," said Raul Ibanez, the veteran outfielder, who also played for the Royals in the early 2000s. "You have to know your identity, and this team knows how to play its game.")

If the players did not understand who they were, they would not last here long. The Royals' adherence to a rigid self-image, honed through years of patience, has given them another identity: American League champions. □



# Golovkin adds SoCal sellout to pugilistic feats



Gennady Golovkin, of Kazakhstan, reacts after defeating Nobuhiro Ishida, of Japan, in their WBA middleweight title fight in Monaco. Golovkin sold out the arena a month ago for his Southern California debut on Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014.

(AP Photo/Lionel Cironneau)

## GREG BEACHAM

### AP Sports Writer

#### SANTA MONICA, California (AP) —

Just over two years ago, Gennady Golovkin was an unknown middleweight training far from home, desperately trying to establish a career while he still had time.

These days, Golovkin travels in luxury vehicles with a coterie of friends and

assistants wearing his logo on their shirts. On Saturday night, the unbeaten WBA middleweight champion will fight Marco Antonio Rubio in an arena overflowing with boxing fans eager to witness the next brutal feat by one of the sport's greatest talents.

The journey from Kazakhstan to California is nothing compared to the athletic

odyssey that has turned Golovkin (30-0, 27 KOs) into one of the world's most feared fighters and a box-office draw. But even with the new entourage and wealth, the middleweight champ is keeping the same level head that put him on this path to American stardom.

"It's very good for my team, for my career," Go-

lovkin said this week during a workout in Santa Monica, his uniformed security team and training staff hovering nearby. "I think it's a great show — not just my fight. I respect all the fights on the show. It's a big present for the people."

With 17 straight stoppage victories and the zealous backing of HBO, Golovkin has caught on with the savvy boxing public. Just three months after he fought in the main arena at Madison Square Garden, Golovkin is drawing unprecedented interest for his West Coast debut against Rubio (59-6-1, 51 KOs) at the StubHub Center in Carson, California, south of downtown Los Angeles. The outdoor venue's 8,000-odd seats were sold out a month ago, which hardly ever happens. Extra seats were added and sold three times — extra bleachers, stand-

ing-room-only areas and a few more spots on the upper concourse. It will be the largest boxing crowd in the history of a venue that has hosted Oscar De La Hoya, Andre Ward, Sugar Shane Mosley, Timothy Bradley, Brandon Rios, Paul Williams and other big names.

"We just didn't expect there would be such a huge demand," promoter Tom Loeffler said. "We're at the maximum capacity that they can ever do for a boxing event. We're 1,000 tickets above what they usually can do as a boxing venue. It's a statement to Gennady's popularity and the fact that he's bringing new fans and new energy to the sport."

Rubio is a popular Mexican fighter who brings the interim WBC title into the bout, and both qualities made him an attractive opponent to Golovkin.

## In Vienna:

# Murray, Ferrer advance to quarterfinals

## ERIC WILLEMSSEN

### Associated Press

VIENNA (AP) — Andy Murray reached the quarterfinals of the Erste Bank Open after a hard-fought 6-4, 6-4 win over Vasek Pospisil of Canada on Thursday.

The second-seeded Murray, who had a bye in the first round, dropped serve while leading 3-2 in the second set but held off five more break chances for Pospisil. The Canadian had 27 aces in his first-round win over Daniel Brands of Germany but just three against Murray.

"It was a tricky match to start with. He serves well and is a quick mover," Murray said. "It was hard. It was the first time I played indoors since Rotterdam, which

was seven, eight months ago. And it's always different to play indoors. ... The match could've definitely been a lot closer."

Murray decided only last Friday to accept a wild card as he is chasing points in order to qualify for the ATP Finals in London next month.

"Hopefully, I can improve for my next game," the Scot said after his 470th career win. He joined Fabrice Santoro in 50th place on the Open era win list.

Murray next plays Jan-Lennard Struff of Germany, who won the last seven points in the third-set tiebreaker to beat Sergiy Stakhovsky of Ukraine 7-6 (6), 2-6, 7-6 (3).

David Ferrer advanced to

his 15th quarterfinal of the season after defeating Tobias Kamke of Germany 7-5, 6-1. The fifth-ranked Ferrer, the top seed, avoided service breaks and converted his second match point with a forehand winner.

"It was tough in the first set but in the second I played better, more solid, more consistent," said Ferrer, who plays No. 6 Ivo Karlovic of Croatia in the quarterfinals.

The Spaniard needs to reach Sunday's final to improve his chances of qualifying for the ATP Finals.

Earlier, Thomaz Bellucci of Brazil rallied to beat the 2004 champion, No. 3 Feliciano Lopez, 6-7 (9), 6-1, 6-4.

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## After experimental cell therapy: Leukemia patients in extended remission

**DENISE GRADY**

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An experimental therapy has brought prolonged remissions to a high proportion of patients who were facing death from advanced leukemia after standard treatments had failed, researchers are reporting.

The therapy involves genetically programming cells from the patient's own immune system to fight the disease.

The research included 30 patients: five adults ages 26 to 60, and 25 children and young adults ages 5 to

other therapies," said Dr. Stephan A. Grupp, who led the part of the study done at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. He said those long remissions gave the researchers hope that the treatment would have lasting effects.

Earlier reports by the same researchers involved only a handful of patients, some with chronic rather than acute leukemia. The scientists say the growing number of patients treated helps demonstrate that the findings are real.

"With the initial patients, we didn't know if it was just

pared with 270 people under age 20.

The experimental treatment uses patients' own T-cells, a type of immune cell. Researchers extract the T-cells and then genetically engineer them, using a disabled virus to slip new genetic material into the cells. The new genetic material reprograms the T-cells to recognize and kill any cell that carries a particular protein on its surface. Then the cells are dripped back into the patient, like a transfusion.

The cells are also programmed to multiply, so that each one can yield as many as 10,000 more cancer-killing cells.

The protein they search for, called CD19, is found on B-cells, which are also part of the immune system. It was chosen as the target because these patients have a type of leukemia that affects B-cells, so the goal is to train the patients' T-cells to destroy B-cells. Healthy B-cells - which make antibodies to fight infection - are killed along with cancerous ones, but that side effect is treatable.

The treatment clearly does not work for everyone. Seven of the 30 patients died, including a few who had complete remissions at first and then relapsed. In three, the leukemia came roaring back in B-cells that lacked the target protein and therefore were not vulnerable to the treatment.

Even so, June described the effectiveness of the treatment as "beyond my expectations."

Dawn Carie, from Chesterfield, Michigan, said her daughter, Lexie, then 16, had the T-cell treatment a year ago, after multiple types of chemotherapy and a stem-cell transplant had failed. Within hours of receiving the T-cells, Lexie's temperature shot up to 105 degrees, and she became disoriented and had frightening hallucinations. But when it was all over, she was in remission. For the first time since Lexie was 2, her mother said, tests found no signs whatsoever of leukemic cells. □



**Modified T cells are stored in a freezer at the University of Pennsylvania's Clinical Cell and Vaccine Production Facility. Researchers in Philadelphia have reported that in a study, 23 of 30 patients with acute lymphoblastic leukemia remained in remission after the therapy, which programs a patient's T-cells to fight the disease. (Peggy Peterson Photography)**

22. All were severely ill, with acute lymphoblastic leukemia, and had relapsed several times or had never responded to typical therapies. In more than half, the disease had come back even after a stem-cell transplant, which usually gives patients the best hope of surviving. Their life expectancy was a few months, or in some cases just weeks.

Six months after being treated, 23 of the 30 patients were still alive, and 19 of them have remained in complete remission.

The study, by researchers at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, is being published in The New England Journal of Medicine.

"We have a number of patients who are a year or more out and are in remission and not requiring

lucky," said Dr. Carl H. June, the director of translational research at the university's cancer center. "It turns out it's reproducible."

He and Grupp said that other hospitals around the country would soon test the experimental treatment in children with advanced acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

Similar research, also with encouraging results, is being done at other centers, including the National Cancer Institute and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York.

Each year in the United States, acute lymphoblastic leukemia affects about 2,400 people older than 20, and 3,600 younger. It has a cure rate in adults of only about 40 percent, compared with 80 to 90 percent in children. About 1,170 adults die from the disease each year, com-

## FDA approves 2 drugs for treatment of lung disease

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The first two drugs that can slow the progression of a fatal lung disease won approval from the Food and Drug Administration this week, a decision that could open a new era for patients but also a new chapter in the controversy over high drug prices.

The drugs, Roche's Esbriet and Boehringer Ingelheim's Ofev, are meant to treat idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, a scarring of the lungs that affects roughly 100,000 Americans and kills many of them in three to five years. The drugs do not make patients better, but slow the rate at which lung function declines.

"It's very exciting to have two approved therapies now for a disease for which there were no approved therapies," said Daniel M. Rose, chief executive of the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, an advocacy group that gets some funding from drug companies. "There's a lot of enthusiasm and excitement within the patient community."

But he said he was concerned about how readily insurers would pay for the drugs.

Roche said the wholesale price of Esbriet would be about \$7,800 a month, or about \$94,000 a year - two to three times what the drug sells for in Canada and Europe.

Boehringer executives said they would not disclose the price of Ofev until the drug became available, which they said would be in 10 days.

Drugs typically sell for higher prices in the United States than in other industrialized countries, in part because other countries apply government pressure or price controls to keep costs down. But the price disparity for new drugs is usually much smaller than it is for Esbriet.

"This is yet another example of how we're all being asked to disproportionately fund world pharmaceutical profits," Dr. Steven Miller, chief medical officer of Express Scripts, the largest pharmacy benefits manager, said in a statement.

One explanation for the disparity could be that the prices in Canada and Europe were set by InterMune, the company that developed Esbriet. Roche recently spent \$8.3 billion to acquire InterMune and might want a higher drug price to help gain a speedy return on its investment.

Tim Anderson, pharmaceutical analyst at Sanford C. Bernstein & Co., said another factor was that there was now stronger evidence showing the efficacy of the drug than there was when prices were set in Europe and Canada. Esbriet was approved in Europe in 2011 and in Canada in 2012, but the FDA requested another study, delaying approval in the United States. A spokesman for Roche said the company set the price based on a number of factors, including how well the drug works and the cost of medicines for other serious lung diseases, like pulmonary arterial hypertension.

The FDA took the unusual step of approving both drugs on the same day, and both well ahead of its deadlines, which were Nov. 23 for Esbriet and Jan. 2 for Ofev. That could reflect need. While lung transplants help some patients, they are not widely available. The disease, whose cause is unknown, gradually robs people of the ability to breathe. Esbriet, which is also known as pirfenidone, and Ofev, known as nintedanib, are pills. They work in different ways, but the exact mechanism of how each works to slow lung decline is not known. The drugs were not tested against each other nor in combination in the clinical trials that led to the approvals. □



# Apple introduces new iPad Air 2 and iPad Mini 3

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**CUPERTINO, Calif.** - In reaction to declining sales of tablet computing devices, Apple's chief executive, Timothy D. Cook, recently remarked that tablets had hit a "speed bump" that was nothing to be concerned about.

Now Apple is trying to accelerate past the bump. The company Thursday introduced new models of iPads, including a major revision for its iPad Air, the larger and more expensive model, and some improvements for its smaller sibling, the iPad Mini 3.

Apple said the iPad Air 2 was 18 percent thinner and 40 percent faster than the last one, a surprising change - and a bit of an engineering feat - because Apple made the previous version thinner and faster just last year. Essentially, the new iPad Air is thinner than a pencil. The new iPads will be available Oct. 24.

"It's unbelievably gorgeous and look how thin it is. Can you even see it?" said Cook, holding the new iPad in front of an audience of members of the news media and Apple employees at the company's Silicon Valley headquarters.

The camera in the iPad Air 2 has been improved and it has a display designed to reduce reflections. The tablet has 10 hours of battery life, same as the previous version. It has a starting price of \$500. The iPad Mini 3 starts at \$400 - but it's not thinner than the last version.

Apple added its fingerprint sensor, called Touch ID, to each of the new iPads. The technology is used to log into the iPad in place of a typed passcode. It can also be used to make in-app purchases with Apple's new mobile payments system, Apple Pay, which will be available Monday.

Apple said iOS 8.1, the next update for the software that runs Apple's mobile devices, would also be available Monday.



The new iPad Mini 3, left, and iPad Air 2 in Cupertino, Calif., Oct. 16, 2014. Apple introduced new models of iPads Thursday, including a major revision for its iPad Air, the larger and more expensive model, and some improvements for its smaller sibling, the Mini 3.

(Jim Wilson/The New York Times)

Apple also added gold as a color option for the new iPads.

Apple has made big changes to its iPads more quickly than it has with other Apple products, like the iPhone, which in the past has been redesigned every two years.

Why the difference? For one, an iPad gives Apple's engineers more physical space to tinker around. And from a business standpoint, Apple has to do

more with the iPad to maintain healthy sales.

In the second quarter, Apple's iPad sales declined 9.3 percent compared with the same period a year ago, according to the industry analysis firm IDC. And the worldwide market for tablet sales is starting to cool. While shipments of tablets exploded from 18 million in 2010 to 207 million last year, they are expected to increase just 11 percent this year, according

to another research firm, Gartner. Last year, shipments had increased 55 percent.

But the iPad is still Apple's second-biggest money-maker, accounting for about 10 percent of its profit. That is a long way from the iPhone, which accounts for about 70 percent of its profit, but still important.

Also at the event on the company's campus, Apple released its new Macintosh

operating system, OS X Yosemite, which it introduced this year. The software system, which is a free download, has a new design with new icons and more vibrant colors.

A key feature is called Continuity, which makes it easier to juggle content across different Apple devices. For example, a user can be making a presentation on a Mac, and then swipe up from the corner of an iPad to resume working on the same presentation.

In addition, the company said WatchKit, a tool kit for software makers to use in developing apps for its coming smart watch, would be released next month. The Apple Watch, which Apple demonstrated last month, is still on track for a release early next year, according to Cook.

Apple on Thursday also released a new iMac, a desktop computer with a high-resolution, 27-inch screen. Apple said the display has seven times more pixels than a high-definition television. It costs \$2,500.

In addition, the company released a new upgrade for its Mac Mini, the smaller desktop computer, with a faster processor. It costs \$500. □

## Facebook creates 'Safety Check' tool for disasters



A Facebook log is displayed on the screen of an iPad, in this photo taken in New York. Facebook Inc. is launching a tool that lets users notify friends and family that they are safe during or after natural disasters.

(AP Photo/James H. Collins)

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Facebook Inc. is launching a tool that lets users notify friends and family that they

are safe during or after natural disasters. The tool, called "Safety Check," will be available worldwide to

the social network's 1.32 billion users on computers and mobile devices. This includes the basic "fea-

ture" phones many people still use to access Facebook, especially in developing countries.

People already use Facebook to tell people they are OK after earthquakes and other disasters but Facebook says the Safety Check tool will make it easier.

It grew out of a disaster message board that Facebook engineers created in 2011 following the earthquake and tsunami in Japan.

Once users activate the tool, it will determine their location using the city they have listed in their profile, the last location they've shared or the city where they are using the Internet. □



# After early slide, US stocks end mostly higher

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After several days surfing Wall Street's gut-wrenching swells and troughs, investors got a smoother ride on Thursday. Well, mostly. The stock market took an early plunge but recovered nearly all of the ground it

another recession, hurting corporate profits. Then there are the many geopolitical uncertainties, from conflicts in Syria and Iraq and uncertainty over the impact of the outbreak of the Ebola virus. "The sailing has been much too smooth, so going forward, at the very least,

only their fourth daily gain in a month. "We had some positive economic data that reminded everybody that the economy is doing quite well," said Randy Frederick, a managing director of trading and derivatives with the Schwab Center for Financial Research.

when the Dow plunged as much as 460 points, then recovered much of that loss to close down 173. On Thursday the Dow closed down 24.50 points, or 0.2 percent, to 16,177.24. The Standard & Poor's 500 index added 0.27 points, or 0.01 percent, to 1,862.76. The Nasdaq composite gained 2.07 points, or 0.1 percent, to 4,217.39. The S&P 500 is up 0.8 percent for the year, while the Nasdaq is up 1 percent. Both had been down for 2014 a day earlier. The Dow remains down 2.8 percent for the year. Small-company stocks also rebounded. The Russell 2000 index added 13.36, or 1.3 percent, to 1,085.81. The index is still down 6.7 percent for the year. Investors cheered earnings from Delta Air Lines, which reported results early Thursday that beat analysts' forecasts. The stock, which has been pummeled this week amid worries about the impact that worries about the Ebola virus might have on bookings, rose 94 cents, or 2.9 percent, to \$33.32. Philip Morris International gained after reporting quarterly results that exceeded analysts' forecasts. Philip Morris' shares rose \$1.68, or 2 percent, to \$85.26. Netflix plunged 19 percent after the company's subscriber growth fell short of its own forecasts following a rate increase. The stock slid \$86.89 to \$361.70.



**Trader Anthony Carannante, center, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Thursday, Oct. 16, 2014. After several days surfing Wall Street's gut-wrenching swells and troughs, investors got a largely smoother ride on Thursday.**

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

lost as the day went on. By the closing bell most indexes were showing modest gains. Despite the relatively calm day, many market pros say investors haven't seen the last of the market's big moves. Traders are still fretting that global growth will slow and that Europe could slip into

(we're) back to normal turbulence," said Erik Davidson, deputy chief investment officer of Wells Fargo Private Bank. On Thursday, investors drew some encouragement from new data on the labor market and the latest batch of corporate earnings. Energy stocks surged as oil prices bounced back, notching

Another sign of easing anxiety: The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose after plunging a day earlier. The Dow Jones industrial average sank as much as 206 points in the first hour of trading, turned higher an hour later, then wavered in a small range the rest of the day. The moves echoed Wednesday's trading,

## Confidence for US homebuilders slips in October

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**WASHINGTON (AP) —**

U.S. homebuilders' confidence fell in October after four months of gains which had pushed the indicator to the highest point in nine years. The National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo said Thursday that its index dropped to a reading of 54 after climbing to 59 in September, the highest level since November 2005, right before the housing bubble burst. Readings above 50 indicate more builders view sales conditions as good rather than poor. Analysts said readings in the mid-50s were in line with the current modest pace of recovery in housing. Sales of new homes did jump in August to the fastest pace since May 2008. But activity is still being held back by sluggish wage growth and a price surge that has put homes out of reach for many Americans.

The latest sentiment index showed that builders' views on current sales, their outlook for sales over the next six months and traffic by prospective buyers all fell in October. Economists said the small decline did not alter their views that housing prospects remained favorable in coming months. "Historically low mortgage interest rates, steady job gains and significant pent up demand all point to continued growth of the housing market," said David Crowe, chief economist for the home builders. A separate report Thursday showed that mortgage rates hit new lows for the year this week. Mortgage company Freddie Mac said that the nationwide average for 30-year fixed-rate mortgages dropped to 3.97 percent, down from 4.12 percent last week. It was the lowest level since June 20, 2013 when 30-year mortgages were at 3.93 percent.

# Google's 3Q earnings miss analyst target

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —**  
**Google's** third-quarter earnings slipped 5 percent on higher expenses and as the Internet search leader absorbed a charge covering a mobile patent. The results announced Thursday fell below analyst estimates, triggering a nearly 3 percent decline in Google's stock price in extended trading. Google Inc. earned \$2.81 billion, or \$4.09 per share,

for the three months ending in September. That compared to income of \$2.97 billion, or \$4.38 per share, at the same time last year. The earnings for the latest quarter were dragged down by a \$378 million charge tied to patent royalties that Google acquired when it bought Motorola Mobility in 2012. Google is now in the process of selling Motorola to Lenovo Group

in a deal expected to close by the end of this year. If not for the charge and other one-time items, Google said it would have earned \$6.35 per share. That figure missed the analyst target of \$6.46 per share among analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research. The Mountain View, California, company posted revenue of \$16.5 billion, a 20 percent increase from

year. But Google's operating expenses, excluding costs for employee stock compensation, surged 30 percent as the company added nearly 3,000 employees during the quarter. After subtracting Google's ad commissions, revenue stood at \$13.2 billion, in line with analyst projections. Google's stock shed \$15.13 to \$509.38 in extended trading. The stock has fallen 4 percent this year.



## UnitedHealth tops 3Q expectations, raises forecast

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**AP Business Writer**

UnitedHealth Group's third-quarter earnings inched up 2 percent but that was enough to help the nation's largest health insurer trump Wall Street expectations and raise its 2014 forecast for the first time this year.

The Minneapolis-based insurer said Thursday that health care use continues to remain restrained, due in part to its medical man-

agement push. Revenue from its Optum information technology services business segment jumped 21 percent in the quarter.

Overall, UnitedHealth earned \$1.6 billion, or \$1.63 per share, in the quarter that ended Sept. 30. That compares to earnings of \$1.57 billion, or \$1.53 per share, last year. Revenue climbed 7 percent to \$32.76 billion.

Analysts expected, on average, earnings of \$1.53

per share on \$32.68 billion in revenue, according to Zacks Investment Research. Health insurance is UnitedHealth's largest business by far, and the insurer covered nearly 45 million people in the third quarter, about 1 percent less than it did in last year's quarter. The company's biggest expense, medical costs, climbed 5 percent to \$23.1 billion in the quarter after soaring 13 percent in last year's quarter.

Investors and analysts have been watching this growth for signs that it might speed up faster than insurers expect, which can affect their pricing and forecasts. UnitedHealth is the first insurer to report earnings every quarter, and many see it as a bellwether for the sector. Revenue from UnitedHealth's Optum business climbed to \$12 billion in the third quarter.

The insurer now expects full-year, 2014 earnings to

range between \$5.60 and \$5.65 per share. That's up from its previous forecast for \$5.50 to \$5.60 per share. Analysts expect \$5.58 per share.

Shares of UnitedHealth, a component of the Dow Jones industrial average, had climbed 9 percent so far this year, as of Wednesday, and have set several all-time high prices in 2014. The most recent came when the stock closed at \$88.56 on Sept. 9. □

## Delta says 3Q profit falls 74% on one-time items

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**DALLAS (AP)** — Delta Air Lines Inc. said Thursday that third-quarter profit fell 74 percent on one-time costs such as retiring older planes, although the results excluding those items beat expectations.

Revenue rose 7 percent, but higher fuel and labor costs pushed expenses higher too.

Delta is the first U.S. airline to report third-quarter figures, and Wall Street is looking for strong results covering the last part of the peak summer-travel season. Many planes were full, as airlines continued to hold down the number of flights, which also tends to push fares higher. Passengers paid 2 percent more per mile.

The company's president, Ed Bastian, said the revenue outlook for the October-through-December fourth quarter looks solid. He said the company expects good revenue

growth and higher profit margins.

The best chance for increased profit margins comes in the international

planned growth on routes to Europe, where expansion by many foreign airlines has cut into profitability.

lion a year earlier. Adjusted for one-time costs, profit was \$1.20 per share. Analysts surveyed by FactSet expected \$1.18.



**A Delta Air Lines jet takes off from Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport in Arlington, Va. Delta Air Lines Inc. released quarterly results before the market opens Thursday, Oct. 16, 2014.**

(AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta)

flying, Bastian said. Delta is reworking its network of flights to Asia and trimming

The Atlanta-based airline said that net income fell to \$357 million from \$1.37 bil-

Revenue rose 7 percent to \$11.18 billion, topping analysts' forecast of \$11.12 bil-

lion.

But fuel, the airline's biggest single expense, jumped 29 percent to \$2.95 billion. Delta recorded \$347 million in charges for adjustments to fuel-hedging — those are contracts to protect against big spikes in fuel prices, but they can backfire if oil prices fall.

Labor, Delta's second-biggest cost, rose 5 percent to \$2.07 billion. That doesn't include a 54 percent increase in profit-sharing, to \$384 million.

Passengers had little elbow room over the summer. The average flight was 86.4 percent full, up from 86.0 percent a year earlier. Passengers flew 4 percent more miles.

Delta's shares fell \$1.13, or 3.5 percent, to \$31.25 in trading an hour before the opening bell. At Wednesday's closing price, they had gained 18 percent for the year, easily beating the 1 percent increase in the Standard & Poor's 500 index.

## Barbie's star fades, dragging on Mattel in 3Q

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Mattel's got girl problems and her name is Barbie. Sales of the iconic doll continue to slide and a surprising drop in sales of its American Girl toys could become another headache for the toy company as it heads into the crucial holiday season. Mattel reported Thursday that Barbie sales fell 21 percent for the three months ended Sept. 30, even sharper than the 15

percent drop in the second quarter.

And American Girl's third-quarter sales declined 7 percent, compared with a 6 percent rise in the second quarter.

Heightening tensions even more, Mattel's rival Hasbro Inc. recently landed the rights for dolls from the blockbuster Disney movie "Frozen," a coveted relationship for Mattel. The rights for the "Frozen" dolls

will go to Hasbro in the spring of 2016.

Dolls are traditionally a tough market to corner. There's a lot of competition and the affections of the target audience — little girls — can be fleeting. It's not all bad news for Mattel, however. It has recently introduced dolls that have resonated with customers even as Barbie's star appears to fade. Sales of Disney Princess and Ever

After High dolls were given most of the credit for the 1 percent increase in sales of other doll brands in the quarter.

Mattel toys that are geared toward boys are also a bright spot. Sales for the Wheels category, which includes the Hot Wheels and Matchbox brands, climbed 4 percent.

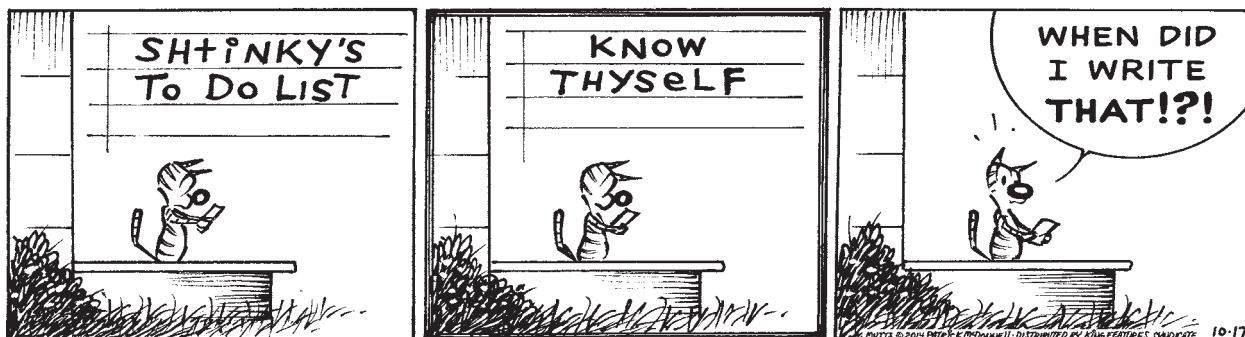
Mattel Inc., based in El Segundo, California, report-

ed a profit of 97 cents per share on revenue of \$2.02 billion for the period Thursday. Its adjusted earnings came to 98 cents. That was short of Wall Street expectations. Analysts had expected per-share earnings of \$1.02, and revenue of \$2.18 billion, according to a poll by FactSet.

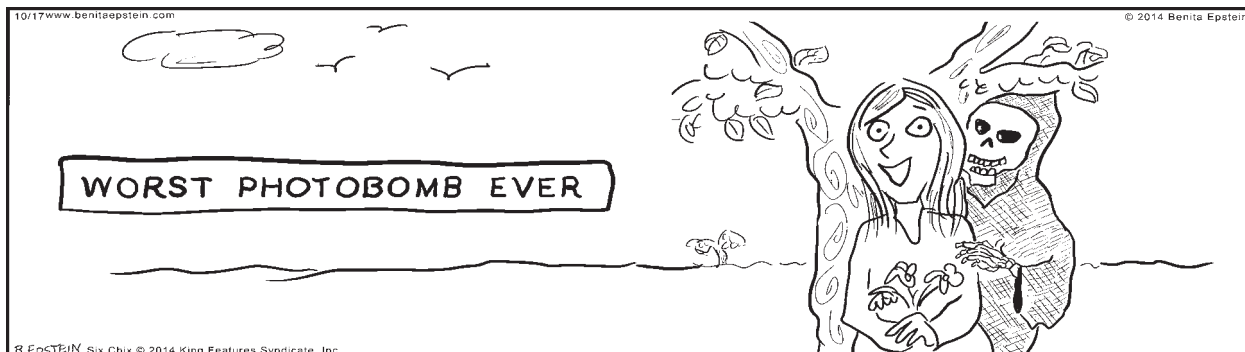
Shares fell 3 percent to \$29.62 in late morning trading. The stock is off about 38 percent this year. □



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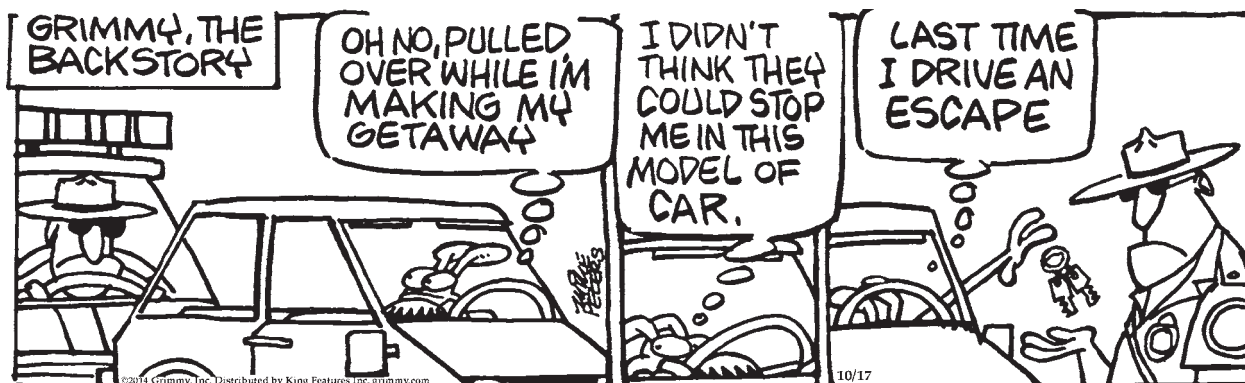
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## Zits



## Conceptis Sudoku

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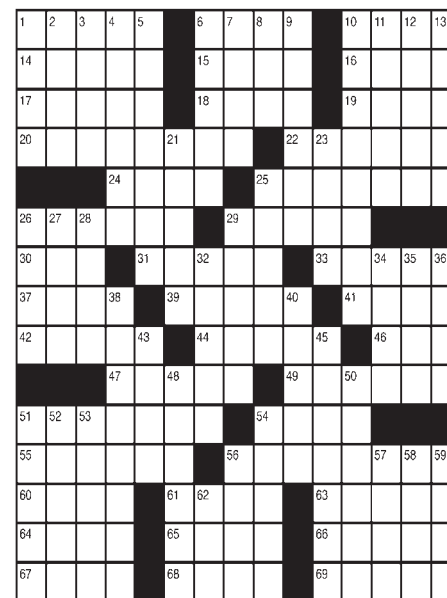
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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## ACROSS

- iMac maker
- Gung ho
- Quick
- British peer
- Ceremony
- Easy stride
- Vote into office
- Disarray
- Press to get rid of wrinkles
- Went away
- Dappled ponies
- Pencil's core
- Flapjack
- In \_\_\_ and out the other
- Amsterdam natives
- Prohibit
- Pisa's tourist attraction
- Piles
- \_\_\_ about; approximately
- \_\_\_ firma; land
- Dinner in the sty
- \_\_\_ up; relaxes
- Deep pit
- Caribbean or Mediterranean
- Frightening
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- Comes into view
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- Vital artery
- Emily or her sister Charlotte
- "General \_\_\_"; daytime serial
- Actress Helen
- Rip apart
- Bring together
- A single time
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- Yellow citrus
- Marsh grass
- Diving birds
- Skillful



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## Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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- Sickly-looking
- Get ready, for short
- Fortune-teller's deck of cards
- Poison ivy symptom
- Rush
- Woodwind
- Grandma
- Baseball's \_\_\_ Slaughter
- Kentucky \_\_\_; horse race
- \_\_\_ away; erodes
- Too
- Verse writer
- Mineral springs
- Felt bitter about



## Egypt's foray into Libya underlines its concerns

**MAGGIE MICHAEL**  
**OMAR ALMOSMARI**  
**Associated Press**

**BENGHAZI, Libya (AP)** — Egypt's military involvement in Libya underlines Cairo's concerns about the threat posed by Islamic militant groups operating near the two nations' porous border, as well as home-grown jihadis who rely on their Libyan comrades for weapons. Above all, Egypt aims to prevent these groups from linking up.

As fighting continued for a second day Thursday in Benghazi, where residents reported Egyptian warplanes have been pounding Islamist militia positions, analysts warned that Cairo's foray into the ongoing fighting in Libya could deepen the turmoil there. Egyptian and Libyan officials have denied Egypt was carrying out airstrikes, while the United States, which maintains a naval force in the Mediterranean that includes surveillance aircraft, has not confirmed the aerial campaign.

Egypt's military involvement reinforces the notion that Libya has become a proxy battleground for larger regional struggles, with Turkey and Qatar backing the Islamist militias while Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates support their opponents.

U.S. officials confirmed over the summer that Egypt and the UAE were carrying out airstrikes against militia positions in and around the Libyan capital, Tripoli. Egypt denied involvement, while the UAE said nothing publicly.

Egyptian military intervention in Libya has long been anticipated since the election in June of its new president, former army chief Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, who has striven to restore Egypt's traditional role as the region's chief player.

But it has also been dictated by the growing threat from weapons and militants illegally crossing the desert frontier between Libya into Egypt, where Egypt is determined to prevent Egyptian and Libyan militant groups

from linking up on its soil.

Egypt has been battling a burgeoning insurgency by Islamic militants since the ouster last year by el-Sissi of the nation's first freely elected president, the Islamist Mohammed Morsi. Authorities have since cracked down on Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood, killing hundreds of its supporters and jailing thousands.

The post-Morsi violence began in the Sinai Peninsula, long a bastion of dissent and militancy that borders Gaza and Israel, but later spread across much of the country with bombings and assassinations.

"This is bound to exacerbate the fault lines and push the other side toward more militancy," Frederic Wehrey, a senior associate in the Middle East Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, said of Egypt's involvement in Libya.

"Libya is complex, with a mixture of hard-core jihadi groups, but a lot of those Islamists are into participation in the political process," added Wehrey, a frequent visitor to Libya.

Jason Pack, a Libya expert at Britain's Cambridge University, also warned of the complexity of the Libyan conflict, saying Egyptian involvement could have unforeseen consequences.

"Egyptians are making the same mistakes in Libya that the West made in Iraq and Afghanistan," Pack said. "They support one side over the other. But in Libya the divisions are not between Islamists and non-Islamists. The conflict is very complex."

Libya is witnessing its worst spasm of violence since Moammar Gadhafi's regime was overthrown in 2011 by NATO-backed rebels following an eight-month civil war. Militias born in that conflict have since challenged successive governments, which have failed to integrate them into the army and security forces or rein them in, leaving armed militiamen to operate outside state control with impunity. □

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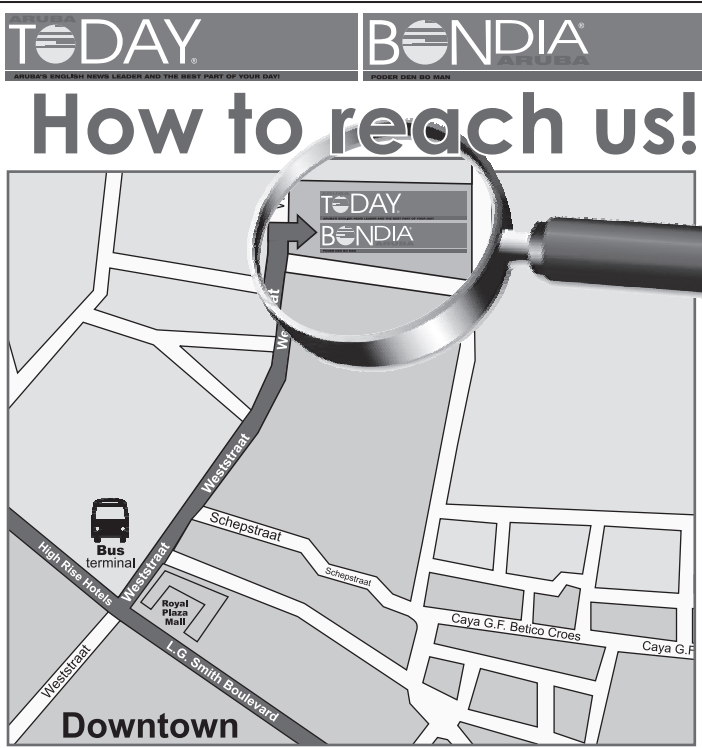
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# Study: Natural gas surge won't slow global warming



A natural gas well operated by Northeast Natural Energy is seen in Morgantown, W.Va. Cheap and plentiful natural gas isn't quite a bridge to a brighter energy future as claimed and won't slow global warming, a new study projects.

(AP Photo/David Smith)

**SETH BORENSTEIN**  
AP Science Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Cheap and plentiful natural gas isn't quite a bridge to a brighter energy future as claimed and won't slow

global warming, a new study projects.

Abundant natural gas in the United States has been displacing coal, which produces more of the chief global warming gas car-

bon dioxide.

But the new international study says an expansion of natural gas use by 2050 would also keep other energy-producing technologies like wind, solar and

nuclear, from being used more. And those technologies are even better than natural gas for avoiding global warming.

Computer simulations show that emissions of heat-trapping gases to make electricity would not decline worldwide and could possibly go up, says the study, released Wednesday by the journal *Nature*.

Unconventional techniques such as high-volume hydraulic fracturing and ultra-deep water drilling have increased global supplies of natural gas so much that prices are now expected to remain relatively low for years to come. That makes generating electricity with natural gas cheaper than it otherwise would be, and makes it harder for wind and solar to compete. Five teams of experts from around the world, using five different sets of computer model simulations, looked at what would happen if

natural gas — also known as methane — remains cheap and plentiful and nothing else changes, such as policy mandates. They all came to the same conclusion.

"It doesn't reduce climate change," said study lead author Haewon McJeon, an economist at the U.S. Department of Energy's Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.

Two computer models even found that when considering other factors like methane leaks, cheaper natural gas could lead to more trapping of heat by greenhouse gases, the mechanism that drives global warming. Methane traps even more heat than an equivalent amount of carbon dioxide.

But because the models differed so much on that projection, it is hard to conclude that more natural gas will worsen the problem, McJeon said. □

## Success for 2nd station spacewalk in 2 weeks

**MARCIA DUNN**

AP Aerospace Writer

**CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida**

**(AP)** — Spacewalking astronauts replaced a failed electrical unit at the International Space Station this week, restoring full power to the orbiting lab.

The space station had been operating since spring with only seven of its eight solar-power channels. Wednesday's work by Reid Wiseman and Butch Wilmore — NASA's second spacewalk in two weeks — brought the energy capability back up to 100 percent. The spacewalkers encountered balky bolts but still managed to complete

the job in the allotted time, with less than two minutes to spare.

"Yoo-hoo!" they cheered as NASA declared victory. The voltage regulator shorted out in May but could not be replaced until now because of a yearlong hiatus in nonemergency spacewalks by NASA. The stoppage was caused by spacesuit problems, most notably a flooded helmet that nearly cost an astronaut's life in 2013.

Wiseman took part in the Oct. 7 spacewalk that jump-started NASA's outside maintenance, accompanied by a German. This time, Wiseman was joined

by Wilmore, who made his first spacewalk.

To avoid an electrical shock, the two spacewalkers waited until darkness before attempting to remove the old voltage regulator, so there would be no discharge. They took in the view 260 miles (418 kilometers) below as they waited for the space station to fly into the night side of Earth.

"I see Cairo!" Wiseman said. "Can't quite make out the pyramids, though." Sunset came over Kazakhstan and China, and Wiseman began to undo the bolt holding down the bad regulator. His pistol grip tool failed to loosen the bolt. "I can feel it binding up," he said. A ratchet wrench — along with some muscle — did the trick.

Wiseman removed the 330-pound (150-kilogram) boxy regulator from its slot and, with Wilmore's help, popped in the new one. But once again, they ran into bolt trouble, this time in securing the new device. The minutes ticked away



This video frame grab from NASA shows NASA astronauts repairing a failed power regulator outside the International Space Station on Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2014. Flight Engineers Reid Wiseman and Barry Wilmore of Expedition 41 will replace a failed power regulator known as a sequential shunt unit, which failed in May.

(AP Photo/NASA)

as Mission Control debated how much longer to keep up the effort, before stopping for the next orbital sunrise. With less than 10 minutes remaining, flight controllers advised Wiseman to try tightening the bolt with the ratchet wrench. It worked. "Outstanding news," Mission Control radioed.

Flight controllers imme-

diately checked out the newly installed system, with less than three minutes to go. Success was declared with one minute and 45 seconds remaining.

The voltage regulator — officially called a sequential shunt unit or SSU — is needed to keep excess power from its designated solar wing, from overloading the station system. □



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Kathy Griffin at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif. Standup comedy will have a home at the Kennedy Center more than once a year now as the arts center plans to make laughter a more permanent part of its repertoire.

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## Kennedy Center adds comedy

**BRETT ZONGKER**  
**Associated Press**  
**WASHINGTON (AP)** —

Laughter will be a permanent part of the repertoire at the Kennedy Center as the arts center plans to host a new standup comedy series beginning in 2015, officials said Thursday.

The new series will present three top acts each year, beginning with Jay Leno and Kathy Griffin. The center also is home to the top U.S. humor award, the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor, which Leno will receive Sunday. Standup comedy performances will be combined with free, monthly comedy nights

on the center's Millennium Stage and other productions throughout the year.

"We're going to put some more laughter back into our building," said Kennedy Center President Deborah Rutter. "It'll be fun."

The center has long presented classical music, opera, dance and theater but also hosts a significant jazz season and produces new musicals that sometimes move to Broadway.

The Comedy at the Kennedy Center program is focused on elevating comedy as an art form and seeing the world through a different set of eyes, Rutter said.

## Pitt ok with son seeing 'Fury'

**JOHN CARUCCI**  
**Associated Press**  
**WASHINGTON (AP)** —

While the World War II drama "Fury" depicts a gruesome look at war through the exploits of a tank crew in Nazi Germany, Brad Pitt feels his 13-year old son, Maddox, can handle the content. "He's a World War II buff," Pitt told The Associated Press on Wednesday night on the red carpet for the film's world premiere.

Some have criticized the film's stark brutality. Scenes of a soldier's body getting torn up during rapid machine-gun fire or a tank commander decapitated has made the film a little too real.

The newly married father of six contends that when it comes to what's appro-

priate for his children, he comes from "another generation."

"My father would take us to the drive-in as very young kids and we'd see Clint Eastwood movies and kung fu movies," the 50-year old actor said.

He added: "The world is a beautiful place, but it's also a very violent place. We talk about it afterward, so I'm not so opposed."

On the subject of family, Pitt was amused at the notion that he and George Clooney had a pact that they would both get married. Pitt married longtime love Angelina Jolie earlier this year, and Clooney tied the knot in September.

Pitt laughed at the theory before responding: "We did it for the right reasons."

## For Rogen family:

# Hilarity charity is serious business

**MIKE CIDONI LENNOX**  
**AP Entertainment Reporter**  
**LOS ANGELES (AP)** —

Seth Rogen let out a loud laugh when asked what he had done with Kim Jong Un, the North Korean leader who suddenly and inexplicably dropped out of sight about six weeks ago.

"It's all a marketing ploy," joked Rogen, whose upcoming comedy "The Interview" mercilessly mocks the rotund ruler.

"We've hid him somewhere, and he'll be released one week before the movie."

Kim's absence is at least a bit easier to laugh about now that he has finally resurfaced, appearing in images released by state media this week.

But that time off the grid remains a mystery, and a looming Hollywood conspiracy theory certainly can't hurt "The Interview," in which Rogen and co-star James Franco portray celebrity journalists who've been ordered by the CIA to assassinate Kim.

"It is amazing," commented Rogen, who also co-directed the film, opening Dec. 25. "It's almost as if we gave (Kim) a list of, 'Here's what you can do that would help promote our film.' And he's doing pretty much all of it."

The Emmy- and Golden Globe-nominated Rogen is best known for funny business, thanks to comedy blockbusters like "Knocked Up" and "Pineapple Express." And at present, the 32-year-old writer-actor-director is coming off his highest-grossing film to date, last spring's "Neighbors," with Zac Efron.

Monday, however, Rogen was talking serious business: Alzheimer's, the most common form of dementia. The disease has been a significant part of Rogen's life since 2004, when he began dating his wife, actress Lauren Miller. Her 63-year-old mother, Adele, has battled Alzheimer's for nearly a decade.

In a joint interview with Miller, Rogen said the big-

gest initial eye-opener was "there was literally nothing to be done about it."

"She was just in the emergency room last night," Miller said of her mother. "She doesn't walk. She doesn't talk. She can't dress herself. She can't go to the bathroom by herself."

The Rogens provide Adele

riety show, where comics Sarah Silverman and Craig Robinson, Rogen's "50/50" co-star Joseph Gordon-Levitt and others will help raise funds for Alzheimer's support and research.

The Rogens said the happiest endgame would be for Alzheimer's and Hilarity for Charity to become things



Actors/writers Seth Rogen and his wife Lauren Miller Rogen pose together for a portrait in Los Angeles. Rogen and his wife lead Hilarity for Charity, a movement established with the Alzheimer's Association to raise awareness of Alzheimer's Disease. Friday, Oct. 17, 2014, marks their third Hilarity for Charity (HFC) variety show, where comics Sarah Silverman and Craig Robinson, Rogen's "50/50" co-star Joseph Gordon-Levitt and others will help raise funds for Alzheimer's support and research.

(Photo by Chris Pizzello/Invision/AP)

with 24-hour care, which they acknowledge is beyond the financial resources of most Alzheimer's families. But they're also quick to point out the one tie that still binds everyone affected by the disease: There's no cure.

"We look to the government and we realize that it's ridiculously underfunded," the actor noted. So the Rogens are channeling their frustration into action. Friday marks their third Hilarity for Charity (HFC) va-

of the past, and for the two of them just to get back to their day jobs.

Miller, 31, is a full-time working actress and writer ("For a Good Time, Call..."), and Rogen has dropped hints about another project with Franco, teasing recently with two Instagram photos of the actors in the buff.

"I don't want to ruin it yet," Rogen said. "But we may have filmed something with the Discovery Channel involving 'Naked and Afraid.'"



# New film tells Holocaust story of Polanski ally

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**Associated Press**

**WARSAW, Poland (AP)** — They were both Holocaust survivors from Poland who suffered through unspeak-

and partying hard. Even when the two reunited decades later for the 2002 Holocaust film the "The Pianist," they didn't talk about the horrors they

Gutowski didn't even speak about his past for years with his three sons, telling them the truth only when they were adults: that he was Jewish, that

as being Jewish was concerned," Gutowski, 89, said at his home in Warsaw this week. "I just didn't wish to pass the burden of the Holocaust on to the next generation. It's very painful." Slowly, he opened up. Finally he wrote a memoir. "Dancing Before The Enemy: How a teenage boy fooled the Nazis and lived" commemorates his lost family of cultured Jews from the eastern Polish city of Lwow, today the Ukrainian city of Lviv. "It wasn't a secret that the family members were all lost," said Bardach, a 44-year-old based in Los Angeles. "It was just a question of how and why, and who they were as people." Gutowski was born Witold Bardach in 1925 into a family of lawyers, doctors, concert pianists and army officers. They lived a charmed life of privilege until 1939, when World War II broke out, bringing first Soviet occupation to eastern Poland, followed by a German occupation that spelled genocide for the Jews. After his mother was sent to the death camp at Belzec, young Witold knew he couldn't survive if he stayed in Lwow. So he

went to Warsaw, all alone at 15, struggling to pass as an Aryan. Relying on evocative historical footage and interviews with Gutowski, the 65-minute film traces his life during the war until the liberation, when, thanks to knowing English, he worked as a counter-intelligence agent for the Americans tracking down Nazis in postwar Germany. One of the most heart-breaking episodes he recalls is the death of his brother, 12-year-old Roman, who was given a fatal dose of poison by an uncle, who then killed himself. Today, he credits his knowledge of German and a huge dose of luck and chutzpah for his survival. Those traits gave the hungry teenager the courage to walk into German-only restaurants in Lwow, yell "Heil Hitler!" and sit down to a good meal. Later he went to the work for the German Luftwaffe in Warsaw, stealing radio transmitters for the Polish underground. It was his Polish girlfriend's mother, a dentist, who procured the documents of railway worker Eugeniusz Gutowski, who had died in an accident. □



In this photo taken on Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2014, Gene Gutowski, left, who produced four of Roman Polanski's films, poses with his son Adam Bardach at his home in Warsaw, Poland. On Thursday a new documentary premieres in Warsaw that tells of Gutowski's improbable survival during the Holocaust. Directed by Bardach, it is a father and son exploration of the loss of Gutowski's family in the Holocaust and his struggle to survive in Warsaw passing as an "Aryan".

(AP Photo/Czarek Sokolowski)

able tragedies. But when director Roman Polanski and producer Gene Gutowski teamed up in the 1960s they never spoke of the war, preferring to focus on life by making movies

had seen. On Thursday, a new documentary about Gutowski's improbable wartime survival premieres at the Warsaw Film Festival, directed and produced by his son, Adam Bardach.

most of his family perished and that the name Gene Gutowski was an assumed identity that helped him survive World War II. "For many years, I was living in absolute denial as far

## Movie screens to show special new 'Billy Elliot' project

**MARK KENNEDY**  
**AP Drama Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — If you despaired at missing the sight of 25 Billy Elliots on-stage together this fall, get your dancing shoes on. Fathom Events will next month broadcast to U.S. movie theaters the special performance that brought together past and present Billys for a spectacular finale of "Billy Elliot the Musical" at London's Victoria Palace Theatre. The show will be screened across America for the first time in hundreds of cinemas on Nov. 12, Nov. 15 and Nov. 18. "The whole idea of 25 Billys is extraordinary. It gives scale. It gives scope. It gives dimension to the story," Fathom Events CEO John Rubey. "This show has

all the pieces that make Billy so special." Moviegoers will see the Sept. 28 performance, which included all three original Billy Elliots — James Lomas, George Maguire and Liam Mower — as well as the current West End Billys and the ones who toured the show. Elton John, who wrote the music, will offer a special welcome and there will also be a 5-minute backstage tour by Elliott Hanna, who played the role of Billy in the Sept. 28 broadcast. Mower, an original Billy, will play the older Billy. The musical is based on the popular 2000 movie about a young boy who longs to dance ballet but lives in the bleak coal-mining area of Northern England. His story is set against the



In this undated image released by Fathom Events, Elliott Hanna performs as Billy Elliot in "Billy Elliot the Musical Live" at the Victoria Palace Theatre in London. (AP Photo/Adam Sorenson)

backdrop of a bitter miners' strike. The musical won the 2006 Olivier and 2009 Tony Award for best new musical. Globally, "Billy Elliot the Musical" has played to 9.5 million people and is still running in the West End. Stephen Daldry, who directed the film, did the same for the stage version. Lee Hall adapted his own screenplay and wrote the lyrics. The original show was broadcast live to eight countries — including the United Kingdom, where its one performance outdid every other film over the Friday-to-Sunday period, including multiple showings of the Denzel Washington action thriller "The Equalizer." The special show was also made into a DVD. □



## The Last Right



ROSS DOUTHAT

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On Nov. 1, barring the medically unexpected or a change of heart, a young woman named Brittany Maynard will ingest a lethal prescription and die by suicide.

Maynard is 29, recently married and is suffering from terminal brain cancer. After deciding against hospice care - fearing, she wrote in a CNN op-ed, a combination of pain, personality changes, and the loss of basic mental and physical functions - she and her husband moved from California to Oregon, one of five states that permit physician-assisted suicide. In the time remaining to her, she has become a public advocate for that practice's expansion, recording testimonials on behalf of the right of the terminally ill to make their quietus.

The tragedy here is almost deep enough to drown the political debate. But that debate's continued existence is still a striking fact. Why, in a society where individualism seems to be carrying the day, is the right that Maynard intends to exercise still confined to just a handful of states? Why has assisted suicide's advance been slow, when on other social issues the landscape has shifted dramatically in a libertarian direction? Twenty years ago, a much more rapid advance seemed likely. Some sort of right to suicide seemed like a potential extension of "the right to define one's own concept of existence" that the Supreme Court had invoked while upholding a woman's constitutional right to abortion. Polls in the 1990s consistently showed more support - majority support, depending on the framing - for physician-assisted suicide than for what then seemed like the eccentric cause of same-sex marriage.

Yet the latter cause has triumphed sweepingly, while voluntary euthanasia has advanced only haltingly. Part of the explanation lies with the Supreme Court, which in 1997 ruled 9-0 that the Constitution does not include a right to suicide. But the court would not have ruled as it did absent a deeper reality: Many liberals seem considerably more uncomfortable with the idea of physician-assisted suicide than with other causes, from abortion to homosexuality, where claims about personal autonomy and liberty are at stake. Conservatives oppose assisted suicide more fiercely, but it's a persistent left-of-center discomfort, even among the most secular liberals, that's really held the idea at bay. Indeed, on this issue you can find many liberal

writers who sound like, well, social conservatives - who warn of the danger of a lives-not-worth-living mentality, acknowledge the ease with which ethical and legal slopes can slip, recognize the limits of "consent" alone as a standard for moral judgment.

At the same time, though, there are tensions within the liberal mind on this issue, particularly when the discussion moves from the general (why assisted suicide is unwise as public policy) to the particular (why life is still worth living after all hope is lost, and why a given person facing death shouldn't avail themselves of suicide).

You can see that tension illustrated, in a fascinating way, in the work of Ezekiel Emanuel, the health care expert and bioethicist (and brother of Chicago's mayor). Emanuel's 1997 Atlantic essay on physician-assisted suicide remains the best liberal critique of the idea, and he reiterated his anti-suicide position this fall, again in the Atlantic, in an essay discussing his perspective on aging, medicine and death. But the new essay - which ran under the headline "Why I Hope to Die at 75" - was also shot through with precisely the fear of diminishment and incapacity, the anxiety at being any kind of burden, the desire to somehow exit at one's sharpest and fittest and best, that drives the impulse toward medicalized suicide. It was partially a powerful case against unnecessary medical treatment - but partially a window into a worldview ill equipped to make sense of suffering that's bound to lead to death, or that does not have a mountain-climbing, op-ed-writing recovery at the end of it.

The same deficit is apparent in responses to Brittany Maynard's plight. Liberal policy writers are comfortable using her case to discuss the inadequacies of end-of-life care (as the health care expert Harold Pollack did, eloquently, in a piece for The New Republic). But when it comes time to make an affirmative case for what she actually has to live for, they often demur. To find that case, you often have to turn to explicitly religious writers - like Krista Tippett, a mother of four currently dying of her own cancer, who wrote Maynard a passionate open letter urging her to embrace the possibility that their shared trial could actually have a purpose, that "beauty will meet us in that last breath."

The future of the assisted suicide debate may depend, in part, on whether Tippett's case for the worth of what can seem like pointless suffering can be made either without her theological perspective, or by a liberalism more open to metaphysical arguments than the left is today. If it can, then laws like Oregon's will remain unusual, and the politics of assisted suicide the exception to the ever-more-libertarian trend.

If it can't, then many more tragic stories will have the ending Brittany Maynard has chosen to embrace. □



## Revenge of the Unforgiven



PAUL KRUGMAN

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Stop me if you've heard this before: The world economy appears to be stumbling. For a while, things seemed to be looking up, and there was talk about green shoots of recovery. But now growth is stalling, and the specter of deflation looms. If this story sounds familiar, it should; it has played out repeatedly since 2008. As in previous episodes, the worst news is coming from Europe, but this time there is also a clear slowdown in emerging markets - and there are even warning signs in the United States, despite pretty good job growth at the moment. Why does this keep happening? After all, the events that brought on the Great Recession - the housing bust, the banking crisis - took place a long time ago. Why can't we escape their legacy? The proximate answer lies in a series of policy mistakes: Austerity when economies needed stimulus, paranoia about inflation when the real risk is deflation, and so on. But why do governments keep making these mistakes? In particular, why do they keep making the same mistakes, year after year?

The answer, I'd suggest, is an excess of virtue. Righteousness is killing the world economy.

What, after all, is our fundamental economic problem? A simplified

but broadly correct account of what went wrong goes like this: In the years leading up to the Great Recession, we had an explosion of credit (mainly to the private sector). Old notions of prudence, for both lenders and borrowers, were cast aside; debt levels that would once have been considered deeply unsound became the norm.

Then the music stopped, the money stopped flowing, and everyone began trying to "de-leverage," to reduce the level of debt. For each individual, this was prudent. But my spending is your income and your spending is my income, so when everyone tries to pay down debt at the same time, you get a depressed economy.

So what can be done? Historically, the solution to high levels of debt has often involved writing off and forgiving much of that debt.

Sometimes this happens explicitly: In the 1930s FDR helped borrowers refinance with much cheaper mortgages, while in this crisis Iceland is outright canceling a significant part of the debt households ran up during the bubble years. More often, debt relief takes place implicitly, through "financial repression": Government policies hold interest rates down, while inflation erodes the real value of debt.

What's striking about the past few years, however, is how little debt relief has actually taken place. Yes, there's Iceland - but it's tiny. Yes, Greek creditors took a significant "haircut" - but Greece is still a small player (and still hopelessly in debt). In major economies, very few creditors have received a break. And far from being inflated away, the burden of debt has been aggravated by falling inflation, which is running well below target in America and near zero in Europe.

Why are debtors receiving so little relief? As I said, it's about right-

eousness - the sense that any kind of debt forgiveness would involve rewarding bad behavior. In America, the famous Rick Santelli rant that gave birth to the Tea Party wasn't about taxes or spending - it was a furious denunciation of proposals to help troubled homeowners. In Europe, austerity policies have been driven less by economic analysis than by Germany's moral indignation over the notion that irresponsible borrowers might not face the full consequences of their actions.

So the policy response to a crisis of excessive debt has, in effect, been a demand that debtors pay off their debts in full. What does history say about that strategy? That's easy: It doesn't work. Whatever progress debtors make through suffering and saving is more than offset through depression and deflation. That is, for example, what happened to Britain after World War I, when it tried to pay off its debt with huge budget surpluses while returning to the gold standard: Despite years of sacrifice, it made almost no progress in bringing down the ratio of debt to GDP.

And that's what is happening now. A recent comprehensive report on debt is titled "Deleveraging, what deleveraging?"; despite private cutbacks and public austerity, debt levels are rising thanks to poor economic performance. And we are arguably no closer to escaping our debt trap than we were five years ago. But it has been very hard to get either the policy elite or the public to understand that sometimes debt relief is in everyone's interest. Instead, the response to poor economic performance has essentially been that the beatings will continue until morale improves.

Maybe, just maybe, bad news - say, a recession in Germany - will finally bring an end to this destructive reign of virtue. But don't count on it. □



# Instagram: Your Picture, Worth a Thousand Ads

**KATHERINE ROSMAN**

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Alina Tsvor is a 24-year-old freelance photographer who sometimes struggles to make ends meet. But when Tsvor wanted to charter a helicopter to take her and her friends for a ride over Chicago, she had the currency.

Nikoletta Csanyi, 28, a banking consultant, leveraged her capital for a three-year lease on a 2014 Mercedes-Benz CLA.

Jason M. Peterson, 44, used his assets to get a first-class plane ticket to Iceland, where he stayed for a week at no cost.

These were deals made in exchange for posts on Instagram, where a thriving economy has emerged amid the scroll of pretty pictures. Luxury brands have been hiring bloggers to plug their goods for years. But words are so Gen Y. Now marketers from companies like Burberry, Holiday Inn and Nike are trying to leverage the visual Internet to reach a young generation of consumers that increasingly gravitates toward media in the form of images (emoji, Tinder, Instagram).

These brands are looking to co-opt the Insta-fluence of people posting photographs of their lives and experiences in a way that is interesting to strangers (sometimes tens of thousands of them, or more). As was the case when bloggers first came to Internet renown, some deals between brands and so-called Grammers are pay-for-play, while others involve an exchange of products for a well-styled, engaging post.

Tsvor, who likes to post photos of cities and landscapes, afforded herself a chopper ride by drafting an email to Chicago Helicopter Experience and making an offer: If the company treated her to a night above the town, she would snap photographs on her iPhone and share at least one (with a caption including the helicopter company's name) with her 55,000 Instagram followers.

"I got two rides out of it and got a bunch of my friends rides, too," Tsvor said.

Among the three in-air photos Tsvor posted over the next few weeks was an at-

rad," he said.

Dom Pérignon also gave him \$15,000. A representative for the agency working for the Champagne company would not confirm

posts tagged "#r29insta-meet" that drew more than 78,000 likes. That day, 590 followers joined the Refinery29 Instagram feed, more than 50 percent above the

that people like her have built. "I don't have a problem with it," she said. "I have my own brand and they match with it 100 percent."



**Jaimee Dormer, who trades Instagram photos of establishments in exchange for selling her clothing from their parking lots, in the doorway of her Coast to Coast Vintage business -- housed in a 1976 Serro Scotty camper -- at the Alameda Flea Market in San Francisco in October, 2014. Influential Instagram posters are leveraging their popularity with companies eager to spread the word, or rather images, about their products and services.**

(Matt Edge/The New York Times)

dusk bird's-eye view of the city that she published with the caption, "Just looking for some new roofs to climb @chetours." It garnered nearly 3,400 "likes."

Csanyi got her Mercedes by winning a contest that required her to take the car on a three-day road trip to Washington, D.C., and post photos from the trip that included in the caption the @mbusa Instagram handle and the hashtag: #ClataketheWheel.

Peterson, an advertising agency chief creative officer who has in excess of 308,000 followers on his personal Instagram feed, was sent to Iceland by Dom Pérignon, the Champagne company, in exchange for four photos posted to his page.

"I took it as a week's vacation. The experience was so

the terms of the deal.

Refinery29, the fashion website (also known as R29), engages influential Instagrammers as a key part of its marketing strategy.

"For a fashion audience, Instagram is such an amazing medium," said Piera Gelardi, the site's executive creative director. "It's visually inspiring and it's accessible."

To try to tap into the followings of Instagrammers geared toward fashion and adventure, R29 four months ago began to host "Insta-Meets." The first brought about 20 Grammers to the company's studio, surrounding them with models and props like edible Pantone chips, brightly colored candy and disco balls.

"It was a playground," Gelardi said.

The event generated 128

usual daily rate.

During New York Fashion Week last month, R29 hosted an Instagram meet-up with the Council of Fashion Designers of America. Thirty-five influential social media photographers were invited to a private viewing of a nine-hole miniature golf course built in a rented SoHo space. Each hole was inspired by the aesthetic of a different American designer.

Jaimee Dormer was among the Instagrammers looking for the perfect photo-op. Her personal feed, @ohhaiitsmee, has more than 170,000 followers. This was her third R29 Instagram meet-up. "There are the best props you can imagine."

Dormer, 30, said she knows that R29 hosts these events to leverage the audiences

She uses her Insta-fluence for her own benefit as well. She is an owner of Coast to Coast Vintage - a company that she and her boyfriend operate out of a 1976 Serro Scotty camper filled with vintage clothes. Driving around the country, they trade Instagram photographs of bars, restaurants and flea markets for the right to park outside the establishments, and offer a pop-up shopping experience for passers-by.

"Being able to park, for us, is huge," she said. "We exist solely on doing these pop-ups and on the generosity of people letting us eat into their traffic."

Adam J. Kurtz, a graphic designer, was at the Refinery29 event, too, but he left after about a half-hour. He posted one photo and then deleted it. □